

New York City

medical
reserve
corps



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Be a local hero: Make a
difference in your community

NYC
Health

Building strong, healthy and prepared communities

What is New York City Medical Reserve Corps (NYC MRC)?

When disaster strikes, New Yorkers want to help protect their family, friends and neighbors. NYC MRC is a trained group of volunteer health professionals who are ready to help their communities every day and during emergencies.

What do NYC MRC members do?

Learn New Skills

NYC MRC members have the opportunity to receive Basic Disaster Life Support training. They also learn how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation; use an automated external defibrillator; work in an Incident Command System; and respond to different threats, such as radiation and emerging infectious disease outbreaks.



Connect With the Community

From providing health education about vector-borne disease, such as Zika virus, to screening people for high blood pressure, members give back to the people who need it most.

Prepare for and Respond to Disasters

Members help prepare communities and health care facilities for emergencies by participating in disaster exercises that test and improve NYC and health care facility response. During a disaster, members will serve in a variety of roles, such as supporting health facilities that experience a surge of incoming patients, providing health care to people in shelters who have been evacuated from their home or assisting with the dispensing of medications or vaccines.

Who can become a member?

Any licensed or certified health professional or student of a health profession who lives or works in NYC can join NYC MRC. When you volunteer, every effort will be made to match your emergency role with your professional skills and licenses.



Why should I become a member?

As a member of NYC MRC, you can:

- Use your skills to help people in need during an emergency
- Learn new, life-saving emergency response skills
- Support citywide health campaigns to educate and provide services to the community
- Connect with passionate, mission-driven health professionals in your field

Are members covered against malpractice?

Yes. NYC MRC members are indemnified under General Municipal Law Section 50-K against malpractice for this volunteer program. Members also have limited workers' compensation when volunteering during a response.

How are members notified if NYC MRC is activated during an emergency?

When NYC MRC is mobilized, the New York City Health Department will notify members by e-mail and phone. Members will receive clear instructions and be able to choose the shifts and location that work for them.



NYC MRC is a volunteer group of highly skilled health professionals who improve the health and safety of their communities.

Join our mission to:

- Strengthen community health
- Build community resiliency
- Improve emergency response



Trained, Exercised and Ready to Serve

For more information or to register to become a volunteer, visit nyc.gov/medicalreservecorps.

Contact NYC MRC at healthmrc@health.nyc.gov or 347-723-1696.

