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for New York City's
Health Preparedness
Team

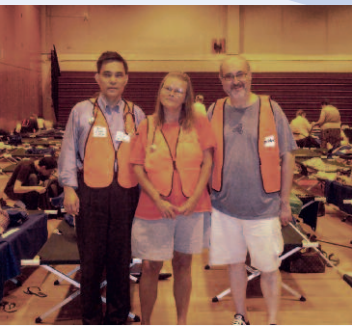
The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Prepare.

What Does the New York City Medical Reserve Corps Do?

The primary role of the NYC MRC is to help distribute antibiotics or vaccines to a large number of New Yorkers during a health emergency requiring mass prophylaxis. Volunteers may also be asked to assist with medical surge capacity (e.g., during a pandemic influenza outbreak) and mass sheltering operations (e.g., during a coastal storm). NYC MRC volunteers may be called upon to fulfill other functions, such as:

- › Medical evaluation
- › Vaccination
- › Distribution of medication
- › Patient education
- › Screening
- › Patient “flow monitoring”
- › Psychological first aid



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Respond.

As a volunteer, you will receive specific training for a variety of potential duties, and be provided with appropriate medications and vaccines. Every effort will be made to match the emergency roles of volunteers with their professional skills and licensure.

Who Can Volunteer?

Any licensed or certified health professional, or health profession student, who lives or works in NYC can join. A wide range of health professionals is needed—including physicians, pharmacists, dentists, nurses, nurse practitioners, mental health providers and others. A large-scale health emergency would require the help of thousands of health professionals with varied expertise.



Volunteer!

What Training Is Available?

Volunteers are invited to participate in online and in-person trainings that are offered without cost to NYC MRC members.

Are Volunteers Covered Against Malpractice?

Yes. NYC MRC volunteers are indemnified under General Municipal Law Section § 50-k against malpractice for volunteer work performed with DOHMH.

How Will I Be Notified if the New York City Medical Reserve Corps Is Activated?

In the event of a public health emergency, DOHMH will use an automated system to provide instructions by phone and/or e-mail on where and when to report.

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The New York City Medical Reserve Corps (NYC MRC) enhances New York City's (NYC) emergency preparedness by ensuring that a trained group of volunteer health professionals is ready to respond to health emergencies. Although the MRC is a federal initiative, NYC's team was created by the city's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) to support the emergency needs of our local area. In the face of any emergency, a rapid response will help provide a timely return to stability for our communities. You can help make this happen. Be part of a pre-identified, pre-credentialed, and pre-trained group of potential responders. Become an NYC MRC volunteer.



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You will be asked to provide contact information, a summary of your skills, license number and other practice information. Shortly after registering, volunteers receive an email containing their login name for online use. NYC MRC educational programs, DOHMH continuing education programs, and the Health Alert Network (HAN) — an information sharing forum for medical providers — are available online.

For more information please call:

347-723-1696



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