

WHAT IS THE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS?

In 2002, the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) program was formed as a national network of local groups of volunteers committed to improving the public health, emergency response, and resiliency of their respective communities. The Office of the Surgeon General (OSG) leads the MRC program to provide the structure necessary to deploy medical and public health personnel in response to an emergency as it identifies specific, trained, credentialed personnel available and ready to respond to emergencies.

The MRC is a partner program with Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security. Other Citizen Corps programs include Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Fire Corps, Neighborhood Watch, and Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS). Citizen Corps is part of the USA Freedom Corps, which promotes volunteerism and service nationwide. Other USA Freedom Corps programs include Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps.



NASSAU COUNTY MRC

The Mission...

of the Nassau County Department of Health's MRC is to engage volunteers to strengthen public health, emergency response and community resiliency.

What can MRC volunteers do?

Support public health initiatives through enhancing public health preparedness, while advancing the priorities of the Surgeon General.

Assist the Health Department augment medical and support staff shortages at local, medical or emergency facilities.

Participate in emergency exercises, community disaster drills, and mass vaccinations.

Train with local emergency response partners.

And more...



MEMBER BENEFITS

- ◇ Training Opportunities such as:
 - ◆ CPR
 - ◆ Personal Preparedness
 - ◆ Incident Command System
 - ◆ Weather-Related Disasters
 - ◆ Special Needs Sheltering
 - ◆ Mass Vaccinations
- ◇ Indemnified by Nassau County when activated and deployed
- ◇ Develop community resiliency
- ◇ Help make communities healthier and safer
- ◇ Build professional network
- ◇ National recognition of local public health and emergency response efforts



WHO CAN APPLY?

Students in health professions, practicing, and retired medical and health care professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, dentists, emergency medical technicians, mental health professionals, veterinarians, and others can apply.

How do I apply?

1. You may download a copy of the Nassau County MRC Application at the Nassau County Department of Health website. You may also send an email or call to receive an application by mail.
2. Complete an application and return with a copy of your driver's license to:
**Nassau County Department of Health
Medical Reserve Corps
200 County Seat Drive
Mineola, NY 11501**
3. Upon receipt, the application will be forwarded to the Nassau County Police Department (NCPD) for a background investigation.
4. Upon approval, a representative from the Nassau County Department of Health will contact you.

The time for volunteers to become involved in emergency response is **NOW** – BEFORE an incident occurs.



You can find more information on the Nassau County Medical Reserve Corps at the Nassau County Department of Health website:

<http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/Health/MRC.html>

For inquiries contact the Nassau County Department of Health at 516-227-9469 or NCMRC@nassaucountyny.gov



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Communities**

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