

# Medical Reserve Corps / National Volunteer Week

## What is the Medical Reserve Corps?

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a community-based volunteer program offering opportunities for local volunteers to donate their time and expertise to prepare for and respond to emergencies and to support ongoing preparedness initiatives.

MRC volunteers are valued resources and join the ranks of more than 21,000 Ohioans currently serving our State. When an emergency occurs, volunteers are notified of when and where to respond — and in doing so, volunteers become part of the solution and make a real difference in the community. To learn more about the MRC, visit

<https://www.ohioresponds.odh.ohio.gov/>

## How does OMRC benefit your community?

Gives community members the opportunity to make their communities healthier and safer.

Provides additional personnel for public health and emergency response infrastructure for local hospitals, health departments, or shelters.

- Promotes disease prevention.
- Improve health literacy.
- Eliminates health disparities.
- Enhances public health preparedness.

Enables communities to meet specific health preparedness needs.

Enhances collaboration between emergency management and public health agencies.

Provides a collaborative atmosphere for information sharing and coordination among partner agencies.

## Who is Eligible to be an OMRC volunteer?

Licensed medical professionals, healthcare and public health workers, and others with medical experience:

Physicians, physician assistants. Nurses.

Pharmacists.

Emergency medical technicians. Veterinarians.

Dentists.

Certified medical assistants. Lab Technicians. Phlebotomists.

Physical therapists and others.

Mental health professionals: counselors, social workers, therapists, psychiatrists, clergy and others.

Community members with other special skills

Administrators and business managers. Computer specialists.

Interpreters.

Health educators.

Biologists.

Chemists.

Security specialists and other support personnel.

Anyone over the age of 18 with a strong desire and commitment to the health and well-being of his/her community!

## **Meigs County Medical Reserve Corps**

For more information and a registration form go to our website at <https://meigs-health.com/medical-reserve-corps/>. The registration form can be scanned and faxed to 740-992-0836, emailed to [shawn.cunningham@meigs-health.com](mailto:shawn.cunningham@meigs-health.com) or dropped off at the health department.

Anyone with questions about joining the Meigs County Medical Reserve Corps can contact Shawn Cunningham at 740-992-6626 or [shawn.cunningham@meigs-health.com](mailto:shawn.cunningham@meigs-health.com).

## **National Volunteer Week is April 16-22**

- Thank a volunteer you know.
- Step up and volunteer in your community.
- Share your experiences as a volunteer. You might inspire someone to be like you!
- Use #NationalVolunteerWeek to share on social media



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