

Meigs County Medical Reserve Corps

Have you ever wanted to make a difference in your community? Become a volunteer to improve the health and safety of your community by joining your local Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). The 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. There are over 300,000 volunteers across the country with 800 MRC Units. Approximately 21,000 Ohioans currently serve the State of Ohio.

Some examples of volunteers can be:

- **Licensed medical professionals, healthcare and public health workers and others with medical experience:** Physicians, physician assistants, nurses, pharmacist's emergency medical technicians, veterinarians, dentists certified medical assistants, lab technicians, phlebotomists, physical therapists.
- **Mental health professionals:** counselors, social workers, therapists, psychiatrists, clergy.
- **Community Members with other special skills:** Administrators and business managers, computer specialists, interpreters, health educators, biologists, chemists, security specialists and other support personnel.
- **Non-Medical Volunteers:** Although the name is Medical Reserve Corps and we do want medical professionals, you do not need to have a medical background. If you are 18 or older with a strong desire and commitment to the health and well-being of your community, then you are what we are looking for.

The Meigs County Medical Reserve Corp is coordinated by the Meigs County Health Department Emergency Response Coordinator.

A few reasons why you might want to join the MRC:

1. Help Your Community in Emergencies

- MRC volunteers assist during public health crises, natural disasters, and disease outbreaks.
- You could support vaccination clinics, distribute emergency supplies, or provide medical aid during disasters.

2. Use Your Skills for a Good Cause

- Whether you're a healthcare professional (doctor, nurse, EMT, pharmacist) or a non-medical volunteer, there's a role for you.
- Non-medical volunteers help with logistics, administration, and community outreach.

3. Gain Training and Experience

- Many MRC's offer disaster response training resources and information on CPR certification, first aid, and emergency preparedness education.
- If you're in the medical field, it's a great way to apply your skills in real-world scenarios.

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4. Strengthen Public Health Initiatives

- MRC volunteers promote health education, disease prevention, and community resilience.
- You can help with public health campaigns, blood drives, or mental health support programs.

5. Connect with Like-Minded People

- Volunteering introduces you to a network of community-minded individuals who share your passion for service.

6. Make a Real Difference

- Your efforts can save lives and improve community preparedness.
- MRC volunteers were crucial in responding to COVID-19, hurricanes, tornadoes and wildfires across the U.S.

Requirements to register for the Meigs County Medical Reserve Corps:

- Must be 18 years or older.
- Must complete all required fields when filling out the on-line application.
- Must be willing to submit to a comprehensive background check should one be asked of you.

How to Join the Meigs County Medical Reserve Corps:

- Visit the Ohio Responds Volunteer Registry at <https://ohioresponds.odh.ohio.gov/>.
- Contact your local MRC Coordinator, Shawn Cunningham, at the Meigs County Health Department if you are interested or if you have any questions @ 740-992-6626.

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