

# Central New York Medical Reserve Corps

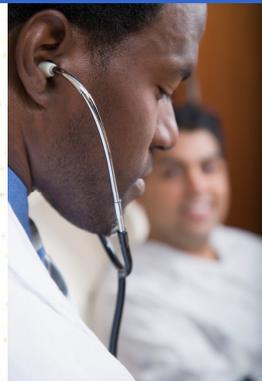


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## What is the Medical Reserve Corps?

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) are professional citizen volunteers willing to assist communities during public health emergencies, such as pandemic illness, natural disasters, and acts of terrorism. These volunteers are part of a group of valued potential responders who have been identified, credentialed, and trained in advance. MRC volunteers may also participate in local citizen preparedness campaigns, immunization clinics, special events, and health education.

Based in the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General, the MRC addresses local public health problems and enhances local capacity to respond to public health crises and other emergencies. To learn more about MRC units throughout the United States, go to [www.medicalreservecorps.gov](http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov).

CNYMRC is a regional 8 county structure of the national MRC program. Jefferson is your local partner county.



## Our Mission:

The mission of the CNYMRC is to recruit, organize and train volunteer health professionals to support existing County health and emergency response personnel during public health emergencies.



## Who should volunteer for the Medical Reserve Corps?

Volunteers can be active or retired licensed healthcare professionals such as:

- Physicians
- Nurses
- Dentists
- Pharmacists
- Mental Health Professionals
- Veterinarians

**And** other, non-medical community members who want to assist in supportive roles such as:

- Office Workers
- Interpreters
- Clergy
- Social Workers
- Materials Management
- Teachers/Educators

*Every effort will be made to match volunteers' emergency roles with their professional skills and licensure.*



## Why should you become a member of the CNYMRC?

You have the opportunity to:

- Contribute your skills, experience and services to enhance emergency response services in your community
- Receive free training and education
- Participate in public health functions and practice events throughout the year
- Meet and work with peers in critical settings
- Become part of a state-wide and national network of citizen volunteers
- Select geographic extent you're willing to volunteer (just Jefferson→CNY→NYS)



## Are volunteers covered against personal liability and malpractice?

Jefferson County indemnifies CNYMRC volunteers against personal liability, except for activities outside the scope of their Volunteer responsibilities *when responding on behalf of Jefferson County*. Medical professionals are encouraged to maintain their own malpractice coverage.

Volunteers are covered by Jefferson County under Workers' Compensation for work-related injuries *when responding on behalf of Jefferson County*.

Other partner counties policies may vary.



## How will you be notified if the CNYMRC is activated?

When the CNYMRC is needed, the Onondaga County Health Department (as the coordinating agency for the CNYMRC) uses an automated system to provide instructions by phone, pager, email and/or fax on where and when to report. The seven partner counties can also make notifications during a public health emergency.



## Ready to be a member of the CNYMRC?

Additional information and application available at [www.ongov.net/health/mrc](http://www.ongov.net/health/mrc).

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