



Frequently Asked Questions About Ramsey County's Medical Reserve Corps

Can I join if I do not live in Ramsey County?

The Medical Reserve Corps of Ramsey County (MRC-RC) currently is enrolling only residents of Ramsey County. Other counties also will need volunteers to assist their public health departments and hospitals in emergencies. If you live outside of Ramsey County, please see this site's "resources" section for links to other metro public health departments. You also may elect to contact us to tell us of your interest and we will forward your information to the appropriate health department. Please include your name, county of residence, and an email address or phone number.

Can I be a useful volunteer if my license is expired or if I haven't been working in direct patient care recently?

There are many roles in the Medical Reserve Corps that do not require a license. Your training and experience will still be a valuable asset to an emergency response. All MRC volunteers will learn about the range of positions available during orientation and will complete a job preference questionnaire to identify positions that best fit your skills and experience. Licensed professionals who have not had recent direct patient care will have opportunities for refreshers on such things as vaccinations, CPR and other tasks relevant to potential roles.

How will you verify license or certification for practitioners?

All licensed or certified health professionals will be asked to submit a copy of their license or certificate. Medical Reserve Corps staff will verify the status of the license with the appropriate licensing board. Volunteers are asked to notify the program office if anything changes with the status of their license.

Are there any on-going community activities for Medical Reserve Corps volunteers?

The Medical Reserve Corps of Ramsey County will offer opportunities for volunteers to become involved in activities that will strengthen the community during non-emergency times. Participation in such activities is not required to be an enrolled member of the MRC-RC; however, we expect some volunteers will want to become more involved. Some examples of the opportunities for further participation are:

- Volunteering during public health testing of their emergency response systems
- Supporting the Medical Reserve Corps office and program staff by participating in such areas as recruitment, training, program development, and presenting information about the MRC in the community.
- Assisting with key public health initiatives such as working on health promotion or prevention activities, participation in community flu or vaccination clinics, serving on a task force or an advisory committee, and more.