

Dakota County Public Health Department works with national, state and local governments and other organizations to coordinate responses to disasters and emergencies. Volunteers are needed to assist and provide expertise to our response teams.



Our Mission

The **mission** of the Medical Reserve Corps of Dakota County (MRC-DC) is to recruit, train and sustain volunteers to strengthen the capacity of Dakota County to respond to all public health emergencies, and to assist with key ongoing public health initiatives.

Our **vision** is a community where people help each other by being ready to respond to a public health emergency.

“I strongly encourage all of you—all able medical and health professionals, even ordinary citizens who can help with non-technical tasks—to join your local Medical Reserve Corps unit.”

*Richard Carmona, MD, MPH, FACS
Surgeon General
US Department of Health and Human Services*

“Volunteering for the MRC-DC is a wonderful opportunity to be of service to my community. The MRC trainings are a great way to learn about responding to emergencies. The more you take, the more you are prepared.”

*Linda Moser
MRC-DC volunteer since 2006*

Volunteers Make the Difference
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MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS



**Medical and non-medical volunteers
trained and ready to respond to
emergencies in Dakota County!**



About the Medical Reserve Corps

The Medical Reserve Corps of Dakota County (MRC-DC) is a volunteer group that brings together health care professionals and others to support local public health, emergency and medical services.

As the events of September 11th unfolded, many Americans reacted by offering to help. In order to provide the rapid response needed in a disaster, volunteers must be trained and organized – the key goal of the MRC-DC.

We Need You!

*Reach out - become a
volunteer in the
MRC of Dakota County!*



Who can volunteer?

The MRC of Dakota County is looking for two types of volunteers:

- **Medical and health care professionals** with an active license from all health occupations, including those who are practicing, retired or non-practicing.
- **Support volunteers** who do not perform health care, but who are essential to an emergency response.

We are looking for:

Licensed medical professionals and others with medical experience, including nurses, doctors, pharmacists, paramedics, EMTs, veterinarians, dentists, nursing assistants, phlebotomists, lab techs, physical and occupational therapists and others.

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

People with other skills, including data entry staff, translators, educators, child care providers, ushers, supply clerks and other volunteers to provide support services.



What do volunteers do?

Volunteers are needed for both emergency and non-emergency purposes.

During a large scale emergency, volunteers may treat victims of a mass disaster or epidemic. Volunteers may staff an emergency vaccination clinic or medication distribution site.

Activities might also include assisting with flu clinics and providing educational sessions on special topics.

Throughout the year, in-person and online trainings are offered to MRC-DC volunteers.

Volunteer for MRC-DC

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