

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

WWW.KENTUCKYHELPS.COM



Register Online

Kentucky HELPS (KHELPS) is the state's web-based volunteer registry system that is used to contact, credential and engage with MRC volunteers. Interested individuals can visit

www.kentuckyhelps.com to complete registration and become a volunteer with Kentucky's MRC. The KHELPS system will allow volunteers to:

- Create and manage a personal profile
- Upload required documentation of qualifications
- Respond to posted opportunities for emergency responses, exercises/drills and trainings
- Log and track volunteer hours
- Receive important MRC communications



What will be required of me to register?

As a part of the registration process, potential volunteers will be required to provide the following:

- Copy of a valid government-issued photo ID
- Photo for MRC badge
- Signed copy of the Volunteer Acknowledgment Form
- Agree to comply with the Code of Conduct for Volunteers
- Professional/medical license number, if applicable



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KENTUCKY'S MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS (MRC)

In times of need, Kentucky helps.



WHAT IS THE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS?

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national program that utilizes local health and medical volunteers to strengthen public health, emergency response and community resiliency. MRC units organize and utilize local volunteers who want to donate their time and expertise to prepare for and respond to emergencies and to support ongoing preparedness initiatives. MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals as well as community members without healthcare backgrounds who want to improve the health and safety of their communities.

MRC ACTIVITIES IN KENTUCKY

In Kentucky, it is critical to have volunteers to supplement and support the public health and medical response during a disaster or an emergency. MRC volunteers are used to support a variety of emergency responses, public health preparedness initiatives and other relevant community needs. Examples of activities that MRC volunteers participate in and support include the following:

- Community education/outreach
- Community vaccination clinics
- Disease testing and surveillance
- Disaster clean-up/recovery support
- Emergency shelter operations
- First aid and medical support during large public gatherings
- Mass dispensing efforts
- Medical facility surge support
- Search and rescue operations

WHO CAN BE AN MRC VOLUNTEER?



Kentucky's MRC is comprised of both medical and non-medical personnel that volunteer their time and expertise to supplement existing public health resources during emergencies and at other times of community need. Community members without medical training can assist with administrative, logistics and other essential support functions.



In Kentucky, MRC volunteers must be 18 years or older and successfully pass a criminal background check. Additionally, volunteers can be



- Community members **without** medical training that can assist with administrative and other essential support functions.
- Practicing, retired or otherwise employed medical professionals, such as doctors, nurses, emergency medical technicians, pharmacists, nurses' assistants, and others.
- Public health professionals



WHAT IS THE ROLE OF AN MRC VOLUNTEER?



Train

Train with other volunteers and local emergency response partners to prepare for emergent and non-emergent events.



Exercise

Exercise plans and procedures with local emergency response partners to test/validate capabilities and help build preparedness for a variety of threats and hazards.



Participate

Participate in opportunities that are available to MRC volunteers such as meetings, trainings and community events.



Volunteer

Volunteer your time, skills, knowledge and abilities to prepare for and respond to public health emergencies in Kentucky.

