



Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy,  
and Prepared Communities

# Linn County Medical Reserve Corps

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The MRC was founded after President Bush's 2002 State of the Union Address, in which he asked all Americans to volunteer in support of their country. It is a partner program with Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security.

The mission of the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is to improve the health and safety of communities across the country by organizing and utilizing public health, medical, and other volunteers.

MRC units are community-based and function as a way to locally organize and utilize volunteers who want to donate their time and expertise to prepare for and respond to emergencies and promote healthy living throughout the year. MRC volunteers supplement existing emergency and public health resources.

## Who can volunteer?

**Practicing, retired, or otherwise employed medical professionals, such as :**

Physicians  
Physician Assistants  
Nurses (nurse practitioners, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nursing assistants)  
Pharmacists  
Dentists  
Dental Assistants  
Optometrists  
Veterinarians  
Emergency medical technicians  
Public health workers  
Epidemiologists  
Infectious disease specialists  
Toxicologists  
Mental health practitioners (psychologists, substance abuse counselors, social workers)  
Health educators/communicators  
Other medical professionals

**Community members without medical training can assist with administrative and other essential support functions.**

Administrators  
Business managers  
Administrative assistants  
Office support staff  
Drivers  
Chaplains  
Training directors and trainers  
Volunteer coordinators  
Fundraising professionals  
Supply and logistics managers  
Interpreters/translators  
Amateur radio operators

**All volunteering medical professionals must be licensed by the appropriate licensing or certification board to provide health care services in Oregon. Upon application, license verification will be performed for each volunteer. Volunteer licenses will be routinely re-verified to confirm active status and good standing.**

## What would I be doing as a volunteer?

- Dispensing medication
- Dispensing vaccines
- Reviewing medical histories
- Medical Triage
- Participating in County emergency preparedness exercises
- Participating in local public health initiatives
- Other medical or healthcare services as needed
- Individuals with a non-medical or healthcare background typically serve their community by assisting with administrative and other essential support functions.



## Where can a MRC Volunteer Serve?

### LOCALLY

Linn County has its own MRC that responds to local emergencies and disasters and assists in local public health initiatives.

If you are not from Linn or a neighboring county and would like to join your local MRC unit, contact us for a list of other county MRC Units.

### STATEWIDE

The state of Oregon has a statewide medical volunteer team, the State Managed Volunteer Pool (SMVP). If you are a **licensed** medical professional, we encourage you to also serve as a medical volunteer through the SMVP.

**The SMVP does not accept non-licensed volunteers at this time.**

**Please know that if you are called to volunteer, you always have the option to decline, for whatever reason.**



### When would I be called to volunteer?

Although the MRC volunteers are trained to respond to disasters or emergencies, part of the MRC program's mission is to foster disaster preparedness in communities. MRC volunteers may also be called to help during non-emergency times.

During non-emergent times, MRC volunteers strengthen the overall health of their communities by participating in training, exercises, and general public health initiatives such as flu vaccination clinics and diabetes detection programs. Volunteers may also be called to help with informational sessions and volunteer recruitment activities.

**Training sessions may count toward continuing education units or volunteer time needed to maintain one's license.**



## SIGN ME UP!

Linn County utilizes the State Emergency Registration of Volunteers in Oregon (SERV-OR) to register its MRC Volunteers. SERV-OR utilizes a secure database to register, credential, and alert volunteer health providers. In addition to these capabilities, one of SERV-OR's most important purposes is providing its registered volunteers liability protections under the law in a state declared emergency or state sanctioned training and exercises.

The State of Oregon requires all MRC volunteers to register through SERV-OR. If you wish to volunteer with the Linn County MRC or SMVP, please visit <https://serv-or.org/> and click "Register now!".

If you do not have internet access or need assistance registering, please contact the Linn County MRC Unit Coordinator at (541) 967-3888 ext. 2096 or Jane Fleischbein at (541) 967-3888 ext. 2677.

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