



"Dedicated to Your Health"

**Delaware General
Health District**

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Dear Medical and Public Health Professionals,

As you are well aware, continued vigilance is needed to protect our community from natural disasters, disease outbreaks and Bioterrorism events. To further prepare for these possibilities, the Delaware General Health District would like to ask your assistance as a medical and public health professional. The Health District is requesting medical and non-medical professionals to join the ranks to build a volunteer pool for our local Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) in Delaware County. We invite you to sign up as a MRC volunteer and be willing to assist with public health activities in times of emergency.

Delaware County MRC MISSION: The Delaware County Medical Reserve Corps, operating with community partners within the Delaware County Citizens Corps Council, will provide assistance in time of need and at the request of local healthcare and health service agencies and the local chapter of the American Red Cross to better protect and promote the health of all who live, work, and attend school in our county.

If you would like to be enlisted as a volunteer on the local MRC registry, please fill out the form available at www.delawarehealth.org/DC-MRC.html (and mail/fax to Delaware General Health District) and please register on the Ohio Medical Reserve Corps website (<https://www.ohioresponds.odh.ohio.gov/volunteer/>) for liability protection during participation in an exercise/drill or an actual emergency.

Benefits of being a MRC volunteer are: free training, hands on drills and exercises, professional CEU, networking and interaction, opportunities to learn about local emergency plans, and minimal time commitment. All your usual concerns of liability, licensing, security and safety issues will be resolved by being a part of the state (www.serveohio.org) MRC.

Delaware County MRC will serve as a source of Physicians, Physicians Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, LPN, Paramedics, EMT, Pharmacists, Pharmacy Interns, Dentists, Mental Health Professionals, Midwives, Public Health Workers, Radiology Techs, Respiratory Therapists, Veterinarians, Chiropractors, Clerical Staff, and Other Health Professionals who are willing to **assist with public health functions during an emergency**. MRC units are made of locally based medical and public health volunteers who can assist their communities during emergencies, such as pandemic influenza, chemical spills, or an act of terrorism. MRC volunteers also offer education and prevention services to improve the public health infrastructure of their neighborhoods.

We hope that you care about the health of your Health District residents as much as we do and that you will recognize the value in adding your name to the local MRC. If you have any questions, as you consider volunteering, please contact Lux Phatak, our MRC Coordinator at 740-203-2081 or email her at lphatak@delawarehealth.org.

Thank you for helping us provide essential public health services, designed to keep us safe and well.

Sincerely,

Frances M. Veverka, MPH
Health Commissioner

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The time is NOW. Prepare, Prevent and Respond to Disasters