

MD RESPONDS

Maryland's Medical & Public Health Volunteer Corps



Disaster can strike at a moment's notice and your knowledge, skills and talents can save lives. Are you willing to help your community prepare for and respond to such emergencies? Be a difference-maker. Be **ONE** with us.

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About MD Responds

Administered by the Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, Office of Preparedness & Response, MD Responds is the State Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) of Maryland. Our mission is to augment, assist and support Maryland's existing medical and public health systems during disasters and public health emergencies. To achieve this mission, MD Responds coordinates the recruitment, registration, training, activation and deployment of volunteer physicians, pharmacists, nurses and other allied health professionals, as well as civilian volunteers from several different disciplines who are willing to assist with emergency response and recovery efforts in the event of a major disaster or large-scale public health emergency.

What MD Responds Volunteers Do

During and immediately following a disaster or public health emergency, MD Responds volunteers may deliver a variety of necessary medical and public health services, such as providing direct care to individuals seeking medical attention at relief shelters and assisting with mass medication distribution efforts. MD Responds volunteers may also serve a vital role by assisting their communities with ongoing public health needs (e.g., immunizations, screenings, health and nutrition education, volunteering in community health centers and local hospitals).

Being an MD Responds Volunteer

Membership with MD Responds is open to anyone over 18 years of age who is able and willing to assist in the event of an emergency, participate in annual exercises and drills, and support ongoing public health outreach initiatives. A decision to register does not require or imply 24 hour availability; volunteers can choose to respond to an incident based on their availability. During deployments, MD Responds volunteers are provided state of Maryland workers' compensation and liability coverage. As an MD Responds volunteer, you will gain access to a comprehensive emergency response and preparedness training program, both on-site and Web-based. In addition, you will be able to track your trainings, skills, missions and deployment preferences in your online volunteer profile in the MD Responds Volunteer Registry.

Join MD Responds Today!

Register Online at:

mdresponds.dhmh.maryland.gov

The initial registration process will take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

Be sure to visit us on the Web at mdr.dhmh.maryland.gov and on Facebook at facebook.com/MDResponds.

For additional questions, email the State MD Responds program office at mdresponds.dhmh@maryland.gov.

