

Why Volunteer Now?

Immediately following the attacks in New York City on September 11, 2001, thousands arrived at ground zero to help. In most cases, there was no way to distinguish qualified from unqualified volunteers. Because there was no system in place to coordinate these volunteers, response effectiveness was greatly reduced.

Advanced registration of medical and non-medical volunteers will provide Macomb County immediate access to volunteers who may be needed in the event of an emergency in Macomb County- increasing the effectiveness of volunteers and overall emergency management efforts.

For everyone's safety, you must pass a background check in order to become a volunteer. If your application is approved, you will be contacted with information on scheduling the required orientation and training sessions.



Macomb County Health Department Medical Reserve Corps

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Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy
and Prepared Communities

MCHD-MRC Mission

The mission of the Macomb County Health Department MRC is to strengthen the community by recruiting and training non-medical and medical volunteers that can be ready and able to provide organized assistance to the Health Department and surrounding communities in the event of a county-wide public health emergency, large scale disaster, terrorist event or disease outbreak.



Who Can Volunteer?

Volunteers are needed from medical and all non-medical backgrounds. If you speak a second language, have experience in graphic design, security, data management, are a college student, retired, unemployed or just looking for a hobby MCHD-MRC may work for you.



Volunteer Benefits

Being a MCHD-MRC volunteer may provide opportunities for:



- Free training on preparing yourself and your family for emergencies
- Volunteering throughout the year to support the Health Department (including the Animal Shelter) in upholding its mission to improve, promote, and protect the personal and environmental health of our residents and our communities
- Participating in emergency drills
- Assisting during county wide emergencies

Volunteer Expectations

Volunteers are expected to complete one orientation and two training sessions the first year. The orientation is completed in classroom but all other required training sessions can be completed online. Optional volunteer opportunities will be available throughout the year. Registering as a volunteer does not obligate you to participate during non-emergency or emergency events.

How do I become a member?



For more information and an application visit:

<http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth/EPP/YouCanHelp.htm>

Email:

Kathleen.mccarthy@macombcountymi.gov

Limited internet access?

Call Kathleen McCarthy at (586)469-2543

Volunteer Liability Protections

Volunteers may be protected from civil liabilities through the following laws:

- Governmental Immunity Act (MCL 691.140)
- The Good Samaritan Act (MSC 691.1501)
- Emergency Management Act(1976 PA 390)
- Public Health Code (1978 PA 368)
- Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 (42 USC Chapter 139)

*Refer to the specific legislative acts for an explanation of the liability protections afforded volunteers