

*After September 11, 2001, America witnessed an outpouring of selflessness and heroism. Americans all across the country wondered what they could do and how they could help during this time of tragedy.*

*As part of Camden County's Public Health Emergency Planning efforts, we have joined the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General and the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services in establishing a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). The MRC will give residents of Camden County the opportunity to help their community during public health emergencies.*



### ***What is the MRC?***

The Medical Reserve Corps is comprised of volunteers who are dedicated to helping in times of public health emergency. We are looking for healthcare professionals, such as, nurses and doctors, as well as, community residents to join the MRC.

### ***What is the role of the MRC?***

The Camden County MRC enhances the County's emergency preparedness by ensuring that a trained group of health care professionals and community volunteers are ready to respond to any emergency, such as, natural disaster, disease outbreak, pandemic flu, and biological attacks.

### ***What the MRC Can Do in Times of Public Health Emergency?***

It is sometimes necessary to open large-scale clinics to distribute medications. Voluntary medical personnel will staff these sites. We are seeking the following medical volunteers:

- Physicians
- Nurses
- Physician Assistants
- Dentists
- Veterinarians
- Social Workers
- Mental Health Professionals
- Emergency Medical Technicians
- Medical Assistants

We also have a need for:

- Hospitality Workers – to distribute food and beverages
- Greeters – to present a friendly face and direct residents to the appropriate assistance
- Housekeeping Folks – to keep the PODs clean and organized
- Childcare Workers – to comfort and watch children while parents are receiving medical attention
- Clergy – to support and comfort residents
- Translators – to comfort non-English speaking residents
- Traffic Controllers – to direct vehicles in and out of the POD area
- Security – to assist in a smooth operation
- Clerical Support – to help facilitate the distribution of information; they will also assist in the collection and processing of necessary paperwork



***We need your help!***

We want to assure the residents of Camden County that everything is being done to ensure their safety during public health emergencies. Government, law enforcement, and emergency management personnel cannot do this job alone. We will offer training to all volunteers. The impact of the work that the MRC will be performing is personally rewarding. Please join us in becoming part of our Public Health Emergency Planning response team.

***How do I apply????***

- 1) Go to [www.njmrc.nj.gov](http://www.njmrc.nj.gov)
- 2) Select Camden County MRC Unit
- 3) Complete the on-line section

(You must be at least 18 years of age and be a U.S Citizen)



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