

Linn County Medical Reserve Corps

What is the Linn County MRC?

The Linn County MRC unit is community-based and functions to locally organize and utilize volunteers in supporting mass vaccination, medication dispensing, and special needs shelters. When a public health emergency occurs, the need for volunteers will be tremendous. The Linn County MRC will be used to supplement existing emergency services when a disaster is of a magnitude that overwhelms those existing resources. The Linn County MRC volunteers can also provide relief for overworked workers in the event of an emergency.



East Central GA MRC NDMS Exercise 2007

What is the purpose of a MRC?

- Recruits health professionals and non-medical people into volunteer service
- Train and educate members
- Assist with community needs
- Participate in non-emergency essential public health services, such as health education and community outreach
- Integrates volunteers and first responders for emergency response



Nebraska Western Iowa MRC Fall Drill 2006

What do I gain from volunteering?

As a volunteer, you will gain personal satisfaction, a chance to make a difference in your community, an opportunity to network, and knowledge that you are part of a community-wide emergency response effort.

Can we count on you?

As a volunteer, your community may need your skills when:

- Local resources are stretched by an epidemic or infectious disease that requires mass vaccination or medication dispensing
- Education and preventative measures are needed
- Large numbers of people are evacuated or displaced
- Other emergencies occur, such as severe weather or other natural disasters

Why join today?

In a disaster, everyone wants to help. Lessons learned from 9/11 and severe weather show that many volunteers who show up to help cannot be used. The pre-registering and pre-credentialing of volunteers allows the Linn County MRC to match the skills of the volunteers to the needs of the county. This increases the efficiency of volunteer assignments and reduces the work of processing volunteers during an emergency.

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Who can volunteer?

Anyone 18 years of age or older

Medical professionals, such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, and epidemiologists.

Non-medical support staff, such as interpreters, chaplains, office workers, legal advisors, etc... can fill other vital roles.

What is the registration process?

To join the Linn County MRC:

1. Fill out an ISERV application
2. Provide a list of references and sign a consent for Linn County Medical Reserve Corps to complete a background check, to share information with federal, state, and local offices as needed, and to verify your credentials.
3. Show current licenses and certifications
4. Schedule an interview



Assuring the health and safety of Linn County

Where can I find an application?

Iowa Statewide Emergency Registry of Volunteers (ISERV) webpage at:
<https://emcredential.emsystem.com>

How do I get more information?

Contact the Linn County Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator at:

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Santa Barbara County MRC

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