Medical Reserve Corps

Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities

Medical Reserve Corps Monthly Report: July 2020

Monthly at a Glance

812 MRC units
178,665 volunteers

MRC units devoted more than 13,000 hours to activities related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A Norfolk Medical Reserve Corps volunteer assists at a COVID-19 testing event.

591 MRC activities reported

- Improved community preparedness: 180
- Participated in emergency response: 335
- Served a vulnerable population: 107
- Strengthened MRC unit: 172
- Strengthened public health: 144
- Supported non-emergency community event: 82
- Trained to improve response capability: 67

The number of activities notes the number of unique entries by MRC unit leaders for the current month. MRC unit leaders also select impact areas for each activity, which may include multiple categories. In addition, MRC leaders may not have reported ongoing activities. Thus, the numbers in the bar chart may not equal the total number of actual activities.

MRC: Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities

- Across the country, MRC units responded to the COVID-19 pandemic in multiple ways:
  - Volunteers with the Harris County Medical Reserve Corps (TX) devoted over 1,900 hours to assisting with testing, while the Snohomish County Medical Reserve Corps (WA) volunteered over 1,500 hours to support testing.
  - Members of the Allegheny County Health Department (PA) assisted with COVID-19 contact tracing.
  - The Medical Reserve Corps of El Paso County (CO) provided telehealth services for homeless shelters.
  - Volunteers with the Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps (CA) served as couriers for the Sacramento County Public Health Laboratory, transporting lab reports and swabbing materials; the volunteers also transported the drug remdesivir from a hospital in San Francisco to the Sacramento County Emergency Medical Services Agency.
  - The Kane County Medical Reserve Corps (IL) monitored quarantined patients and supported a call center.
  - Medical volunteers and epidemiologists with the MRC of Southern Arizona (AZ) assisted with disease investigation and data input.
  - The Henry and Stark Counties Medical Reserve Corps (IL) helped operate an emergency operations center, where their duties included determining personal protective equipment (PPE) needs, ordering PPE, receiving shipments from the Strategic National Stockpile, and repackaging requested assets for distribution to parties in need.
  - The Lowcountry Public Health Reserve Corps (SC) and HOSA-Future Health Professionals students at a local high school made COVID-19 hygiene kits that included face masks and hand sanitizer for university students.
Strengthening the MRC Network and Enhancing Connectivity with Partners

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Pictured: (top): A Martin County Medical Reserve Corps (FL) medical volunteer talks to a caller at a COVID-19 call center in the Martin County, Florida, Health Department; (bottom) members of the Southwest Colorado Regional MRC (CO) help at a COVID-19 testing center.