



Medical Reserve Corps

Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities

Medical Reserve Corps Monthly Report: February 2020

Monthly at a Glance



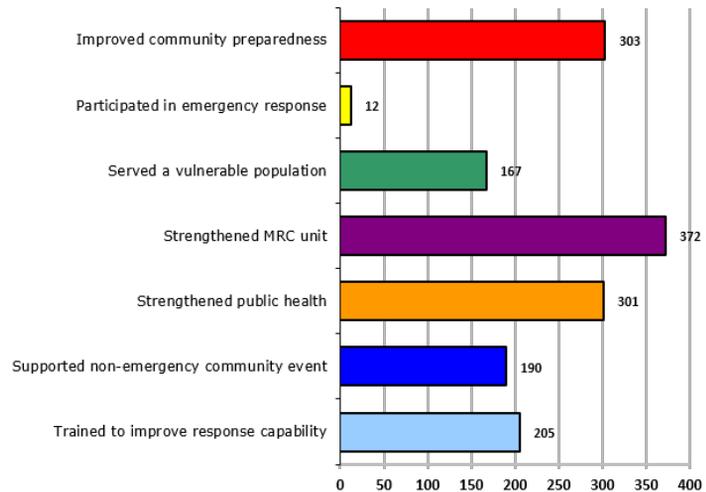
837 MRC units

175,479 volunteers

MRC units devoted more than **200** hours to activities relating to COVID-19.



570 MRC activities reported



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. Thus, the numbers in the bar chart may not equal the total number of activities.

MRC: Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities

- ★ Several units responded to the COVID-19 outbreak:
 - ★ Volunteers with the **Public Health Reserve Corps of Seattle and King County (WA)** triaged calls from medical providers as part of the Seattle & King County Public Health Department's Health and Medical Area Command. MRC volunteers also assisted with calling and interviewing travelers returning from China to assist with public health monitoring efforts.
 - ★ **Manasota MRC (FL)** volunteers assisted the local health department with conducting public health surveillance visits for travelers arriving in the U.S. from areas where COVID-19 was spreading. A health department clinic nurse and MRC volunteer conducted the assessment visits within 24 hours of the person's arrival.
 - ★ The **Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps (CA)** and the **Kane County Medical Reserve Corps (IL)** were placed on standby.
- ★ Volunteers with the **Medical Reserve Corps of Puerto Rico (PR)** received training from the Puerto Rico Department of Health's Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response on communicable respiratory diseases.
- ★ **Salt Lake County Medical Reserve Corps (UT)** members attended the Empower and Educate for Emergencies Conference.

Strengthening the MRC Network and Enhancing Connectivity with Partners

- ★ As part of the program's monthly Well Check Webinar series, MRC staff hosted a webinar on February 4 that focused on emergency responder health and safety. A recording is archived on the [MRC website](#).
- ★ Regional Liaisons participated in calls related to the response to COVID-19.
- ★ The Region 2 (NJ, NY, PR, and VI) MRC Liaison coordinated with the NJ Office of Disability Integration, the NJ MRC, and NY access/functional needs stakeholders on increasing access and functional needs training for NJ MRC units.
- ★ The Region 3 (DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, and WV) MRC Liaison took part in an Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Region 3 preliminary discussion with federal and state partners about when and how the Department of Defense can assist Region 3 jurisdictions with potential quarantine efforts.
- ★ The Region 6 (AR, LA, NM, OK, and TX) MRC Liaison coordinated with the Calcasieu Parish MRC in LA regarding their potential activation due to a norovirus outbreak involving 200 guests at a local casino.
- ★ The Region 8 (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, and WY) MRC Liaison attended the Utah MRC annual coordinator meeting and the MRC annual volunteer conference.
- ★ The Region 9 (AZ, CA, HI, NV, Guam, American Samoa, CNMI, FSMI, RMI, and Palau) MRC Liaison discussed with unit leaders roles for MRC volunteers during communicable disease monitoring.



Pictured: Members of the Galveston County Medical Reserve Corps (TX) show personal trauma kits that they were able to purchase with funds they received from a 2020 Operation Readiness Award funded by ASPR.

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