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To volunteer with MA Responds, visit [www.maresponds.org](http://www.maresponds.org) and click on "Register Now." Volunteers will be asked to provide contact and applicable license information to complete the registration process.

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During a public health emergency, Massachusetts will need the support of volunteers like you...

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Find out how you can help at  
[WWW.MARESPONDS.ORG](http://WWW.MARESPONDS.ORG).

MA Responds is administrated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health and is a partnership that integrates local, regional, and statewide volunteer resources to identify, credential, train, and mobilize volunteers during a health-related emergency or event.

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## MA RESPONDS

MA Responds is the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's online registration system for health volunteers. MA Responds is part of a nationwide effort to quickly identify, verify, and mobilize volunteers for effective response. This system is a partnership between the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, local Medical Reserve Corps units, and other volunteer organizations in Massachusetts. Registering with MA Responds is the gateway to volunteering for public health events in the Commonwealth.

### Get ready to make a difference.

Medical and non-medical volunteers are needed to respond locally, regionally, or across Massachusetts to:

- **ASSIST** neighbors during natural disasters such as floods, ice storms, or hurricanes
- **SUPPORT** public health when resources are stretched by an event like a flu or other type of outbreak
- **IMPROVE** community health by working to educate, prevent, and prepare

## MA RESPONDS VOLUNTEERS ARE...

- Health care professionals such as nurses, physicians, pharmacists, dentists, and EMTs
- Non-health professionals from all backgrounds
- Behavioral health and social service professionals, including counselors, social workers, interpreters, and chaplains

Medical and non-medical volunteers are needed to join this network of people who are trained and ready to assist local, regional, and statewide officials in an emergency. Volunteers — including active, student, retired, and other professionals — will receive valuable training free of charge, including how to prepare themselves and their families for an emergency. Responding is completely voluntary; during an event, coordinators will contact volunteers to determine availability.

## CHOOSE WHERE YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER

When registering, volunteers can indicate their geographic preference — volunteer in your local area or in other communities, statewide, or even in other states should the need arise.



## WAYS TO VOLUNTEER

### Medical Reserve Corps

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) units function as part of local emergency preparedness teams. They supplement existing resources such as the Red Cross and local public health, fire, police, and emergency management services. The result is a collaborative, local effort that is prepared for small and large-scale public health events and emergencies. Each MRC is organized to best suit the unique characteristics of its area. Recruiting, training, and organizing medical and non-medical individuals to strengthen their communities through volunteerism are at the core of the MRC concept. MA Responds encourages individuals to sign up with their local MRC unit so they can help their communities become better prepared and more resilient.

MA Responds volunteers also include precredentialed health care professionals who are interested in volunteering their services in the event of a public health emergency and are not members of a local MRC unit. These volunteers are activated only during the unlikely event of a statewide public health emergency or if local volunteer resources are overwhelmed.

For more information on your local MRC unit, visit [www.mamedicalreservecorps.org](http://www.mamedicalreservecorps.org).



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