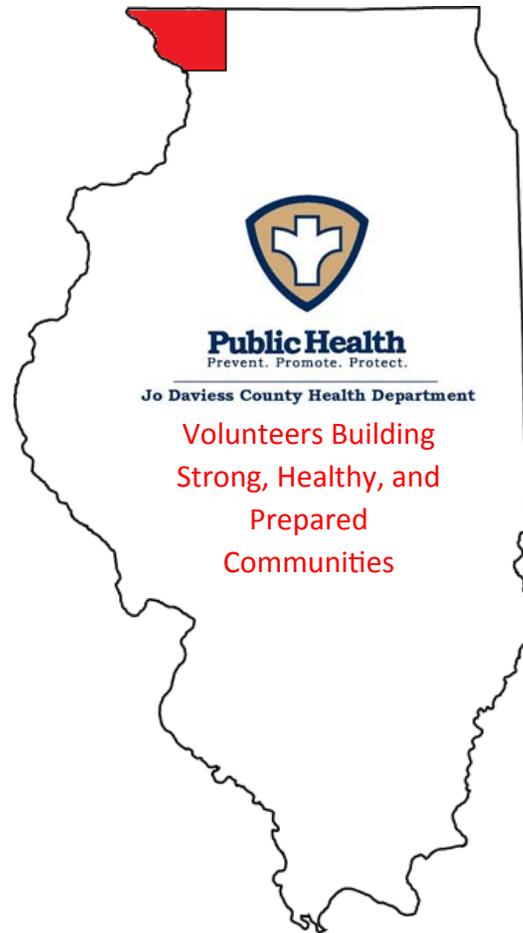


What is the Medical Reserve Corps?

The Medical Reserves Corps (MRC) is a nationwide program comprised of locally organized medical and non-medical volunteers working together to strengthen the health and safety of Jo Daviess County. The goal of the MRC is to recruit, train, and prepare volunteers for potential public health emergency before it happens.

Why was the Jo Daviess County Health Department MRC created?

In an emergency, the immediate deployment of emergency medical personnel is critical. However, such events can quickly overwhelm hospitals and health systems with individuals urgently in need of care. In addition, it is often difficult in the midst of a disaster to locate qualified volunteers and coordinate large volunteer efforts. The MRC was created after 9/11 to engage volunteers to strengthen public health and community resilience.



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Help your community today become better prepared for tomorrow.

Who can join the MRC?

Any community member with an interest in helping keep their community prepared for an emergency is qualified to be in the MRC.

Administrative Staff	Clergy
Clerical Staff	Doctors
EMTs	HAM radio operators
IT specialists	Mental Health Counselors
Nurses	Pharmacists
Skilled Laborers	Social Workers
Support Staff	Translators

Volunteers are needed for:

- Severe weather
- Earthquake
- Flooding
- Field / Large Fires
- Hazardous materials release
- Transportation accidents
- Utility or communications system failure
- Infectious disease outbreak



In an emergency, natural disaster, or public health incident, volunteers with the right training are vital.

Volunteer training is **free**.

Emergencies give rise to thousands of everyday heroes. You can be one of them. Join the Jo Daviess County Health Department Medical Reserve Corps by applying today! Applications can be found online at <http://www.jodaviess.org/health> OR at Jo Daviess County Health Department .



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What do MRC volunteers do?

Skilled Tasks include:

- Immunization administration
- Medical assessments
- Medical care
- Provide health education
- Offer medical support

Support Tasks include:

- Handing out supplies
- Signing people into shelter
- Giving needed information
- Help out at health fairs
- Data collection
- Assisting those in skilled positions
- Taking phone calls



How much time do volunteers have to commit?

- Quarterly meetings last about an hour.
- If there is an emergency volunteers receive an alert and accept or decline the request
- If you accept, you will receive specific instructions on where and when to report, and what to bring with you. There is no obligation to participate in an activation.