

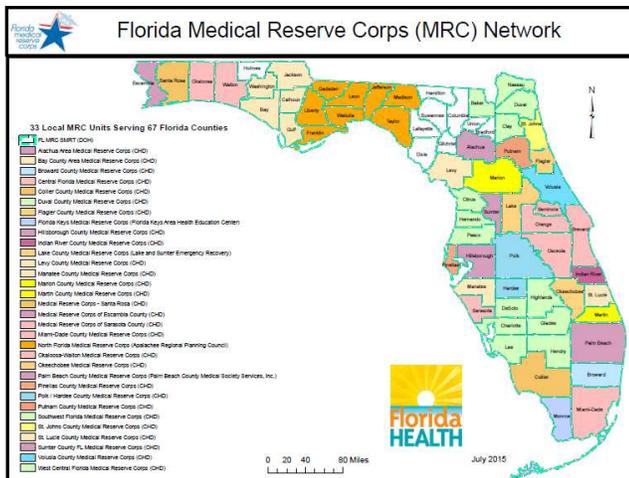


Florida's Public Health and Healthcare System **PREPARES & RESPONDS**

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

FLORIDA MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS (MRC) NETWORK PROGRAM

The Bureau of Preparedness and Response is responsible for developing a statewide system of Florida Medical Reserve Corps Network Program Units that includes providing resources, guidance, and technical assistance to each local MRC unit that works strategically with community partners, to meet local emergency needs and build MRC capacity and readiness. There are 33 MRC Units serving Florida's 67 counties. Volunteer membership is increasing steadily with the majority of MRC volunteers having health care licenses and the remainder being non-health care volunteers who are essential in supporting administrative functions. The map below identifies the location of Florida's MRC units.



The mission of the Florida MRC Network Program is to augment local community health and medical services staff with pre-identified, trained and credentialed MRC volunteers.

MRC units are community-based and function as a way to locally organize and utilize volunteers, health care practitioners and others, who want to donate their time and expertise to promote healthy living throughout the year and prepare for and respond to emergencies.

- MRC volunteers supplement local emergency and public health resources and include medical and public health professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, veterinarians, and epidemiologists.
- MRC volunteers assist with public health community activities, such as school health screenings, vaccination campaigns, and public health preparedness presentations. MRC volunteers were instrumental during the H1N1 response assisting with H1N1 education and vaccinations.
- Florida MRC volunteers have supported local hurricane responses. MRC volunteers helped communities by filling in at local hospitals, assisting at local shelters, and providing first aid to those injured by the storms or in the aftermath of the storms.
- Potential MRC volunteers can go to www.servfl.com to register for their local MRC unit.

The Medical Reserve Corps was founded in 2002 and is a partner program with Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security. For Florida-specific information or to learn how you can become involved in an MRC unit, visit www.floridamrc.com or contact the Bureau of Preparedness and Response at (850) 245-4040. To learn more about the national effort, visit www.medicalreservecorps.gov.

