

## **New Jersey Medical Reserve Corps**

### *Mission Statement:*

To develop a prepared, trained workforce of volunteers to serve the citizens of New Jersey in the event of a public health emergency.



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## **Essex County Public Health Reserve Corps is open to residents of:**

- **Bloomfield**
- **Irvington**
- **Orange**
- **East Orange**
- **South Orange**
- **West Orange**
- **Maplewood**
- **Caldwell**
- **North Caldwell**
- **West Caldwell**
- **Essex Fells**
- **Roseland**
- **Fairfield**
- **Livingston**
- **Millburn**

New Jersey Department of  
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**Heather Howard,  
Commissioner**

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## ***The Citizens of New Jersey Need Your Help.***

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The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, under the leadership of Heather Howard, Commissioner, recognizes that, in the event of a public health emergency, people are our most valuable resource. While our plans and infrastructure are in place for any emergency, trained volunteers will be needed to supplement the existing public health workforce.

### **What is the NJMRC?**

The New Jersey Medical Reserve Corps (NJMRC) is a component of the New Jersey Citizen Corps. The program is designed to identify and register individuals who are willing to serve within their county or local area during a public health emergency.

### **Who can join the NJMRC?**

The NJMRC invites both health care professionals and community volunteers. Any licensed or certified health care professional, practicing or retired, living or working in the State of New Jersey can apply to be a member. Community volunteers who are not health professionals are also encouraged to apply.

### **Will volunteers receive training?**

Volunteers will need to participate in training and education in order to be adequately prepared should an event occur. The NJ Department of Health and Senior Services will provide MRC units with guidelines and recommendations for training.

### **What duties will I perform?**

During a public health emergency, volunteers will be asked to perform duties in accordance with their interests, training, and experience. Such duties might include:

- direct patient care
- administrative duties
- clerical or reception duties
- translation services

### **Do I have liability protection?**

New Jersey law provides that a volunteer acting in good faith, carrying out, complying with or attempting to comply with, any order, rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to a declared emergency, or performing any authorized service in connection therewith, shall not be liable for any injury or death to persons or damage to property as a result of any such activity.

### **How can I join?**

Log on to **[www.njmrc.nj.gov](http://www.njmrc.nj.gov)** and complete the on-line application. Residents of **Bloomfield, Irvington, Orange, East Orange, South Orange, West Orange, Maplewood, Caldwell, North Caldwell, West Caldwell, Essex Fells, Roseland, Fairfield, Millburn, and Livingston**, please be sure to select **Essex County Public Health Reserve Corps (ECPHRC)**. If you do not have access to a computer, you can contact this unit's coordinator, Richard Budris, at (973) 325-3212.

