

Information Sheet

The Central Georgia Medical Reserve Corps (CGMRC) was founded to enhance the emergency capabilities of Central Georgia through the advanced registration, organization, and training of volunteer health professionals. The mission of the CGMRC is to assist and supplement Central Georgia communities with health care volunteers in response to situations that overwhelm available resources. The CGMRC covers thirteen counties in Central Georgia: Baldwin, Bibb, Crawford, Hancock, Houston, Jasper, Jones, Monroe, Peach, Putnam, Twiggs, Washington and Wilkinson.

The <u>Medical Reserve Corps Program</u>, housed within the Readiness Division, Office of Emergency Management and Medical Operations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), was launched in 2002, and now has over 800 local units throughout the United States and the Pacific.

The Medical Reserve Corps is a national network of volunteers who help make their communities stronger and healthier during disasters and everyday conditions. Volunteers are organized into community-based units that work to improve local emergency response capabilities, reduce potential public health risks and vulnerabilities, and build community preparedness and resilience. They prepare for and respond to natural disasters, such as wildfires, hurricanes, blizzards, and floods, as well as other emergencies impacting public health, such as disease outbreaks. MRC volunteers also regularly contribute to community preparedness – engaging in activities like CPR/AED training and assisting with community vaccination clinics.

The CGMRC is now recruiting practicing, retired, or otherwise employed medical, nursing, allied health, dental, public health, mental health and veterinary medicine volunteers, as well as non-health care volunteers wishing to serve in specific support roles. Volunteers may apply using SERVGA, the online website for volunteer registration for the state of Georgia. The website can be found at www.servga.gov. Volunteers should follow the instructions on the site, making sure to choose the Central Georgia Medical Reserve Corps under the list of volunteer organizations.

For more information, please contact Vicki Huff, the Central Georgia Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator, at 478-751-3029. Links to other pages: More information on the Medical Reserve Corps can be found at the <u>https://ASPR.HHS.GOV/MRC</u>

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