

Jefferson County Emergency Management & LEPC

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MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in helping with these Vaccination Clinics or any other Health Department events, please contact the Jefferson County Emergency Manager, Keith Jeffers at his email of

kjeffers@jfcountyks.com or by phone at 785-403-0699 and provide your contact

information: You can also register on the Kansas Volunteer website: https://servks.org

Name:

Phone Number:

Address:

Email Address:

Medical Background / Certificates / Licenses that you hold (Not required to be a volunteer)

The *Jefferson County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)* is a volunteer organization sponsored by the **Jefferson County Public Health Department** and the **Jefferson County Emergency Management** (Volunteer Coordinators) that helps with medical events such as Vaccination Clinics, Testing Clinics, Information at public events, emergency response during natural disasters (Flood, Tornado, Pandemics, etc.) **FEMA**, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (**KDHE**) and the U.S. Health and Human Services (**HHS**) are the governing bodies that provide guidance on training and coordination to the local MRC units.

Medical training or license is not required to participate as a volunteer. FEMA and KDHE requires that each Volunteer take various trainings to ensure that all actions are following the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS). Following these procedures will help to allow all MRC volunteers to work together across County, State and Federal events using common terminology and practices. Volunteers will support Health Department staff in a wide variety of functions, including giving vaccinations, education, registration, traffic control, etc.

We are very grateful for the skill and dedication that our volunteers are exhibiting at these events, and are looking forward to many more people of all skill backgrounds being able to assist with making Jefferson County and Kansas a healthier and safer place to live, work and play.

<u>Thank you in advance</u> for your dedication and time as a volunteer in the Medical Reserve Corps for Jefferson County, Kansas.

Sincerely,







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HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE





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About the Medical Reserve Corps

The **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)** is a national network of volunteers, organized locally to improve the health and safety of their communities. The MRC network comprises more than 190,000 volunteers in roughly 800 community-based units located throughout the United States and its territories.

JEFFERSON COUNTY KS MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals, as well as other community members without healthcare backgrounds. All MRC units engage these volunteers to strengthen public health, improve emergency response capabilities, and build community resiliency. They prepare for and respond to natural disasters, such as wildfires, hurricanes, tornados, blizzards, and floods, as well as other emergencies affecting public health, such as disease outbreaks. They frequently contribute to community health activities that promote healthy habits. Examples of activities that MRC volunteers participate in and support include:

- Emergency Preparedness and Response Trainings.
- Emergency Sheltering.
- Responder Rehab.
- Disaster Medical Support.
- Disaster Risk Reduction.
- Medical Facility Surge Capacity.
- First Aid During Large Public Gatherings.
- Health Education includes Stop The Bleed training for all citizens and at USD Schools for all students to prepare for Active Shooter events and trauma injuries.

- Mass Dispensing Efforts.
- Vaccination Clinics.
- Outreach to Underserved Community Members.
- Community Event Support.
- Healthy Living Training to the community.
- Engaging Youth in Public Health Activities.
- Planning, Logistical & Administrative Support during community planning events.
- COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) CERT Volunteers support Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Mgmt events and will be part of the MRC Volunteers. This group will be deployed for large disasters and community events to help Responders and Citizens. Light Search and Rescue, Basic Response tasks will be part of CERT training and actions.

About the Federal Medical Reserve Corps Program

The **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC**) Program is under the national office of the MRC and is housed within the Readiness Division, Office of Emergency Management and Medical Operations, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (**ASPR**), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (**HHS**) and the **U.S. Citizens Corps** and **FEMA**.

The MRC Program supports the local MRC volunteer network by providing technical assistance, coordination, communications, strategy and policy development, grants and contract oversight, training and other associated services. It functions as a clearinghouse for information and best practices to help communities establish, implement, and maintain MRC units in order to achieve their local visions for public health and emergency preparedness.

Contact Keith Jeffers, Emergency Manager at kjeffers@jfcountyks.com or call 785-403-0699 to provide your NAME, EMAIL, PHONE NUMBER(S), ADDRESS AND MEDICAL BACKGROUND to become one of Jefferson County's Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers. No prior Medical License or Training is required. Training and additional volunteer opportunities will be discussed at upcoming meetings. Background checks on all Volunteers will be conducted.



