

## PARTNER WITH THE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE ZIKA RESPONSE

### FIGHTING ZIKA IN YOUR COMMUNITY

When disease outbreaks like Zika strike, state and local health departments often need help to protect health and save lives. When you need surge capacity, engage your Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) for organized, professional volunteer help with:

- Community outreach and health education
- Call center staffing
- Distribution of Zika-related supplies
- Vector surveillance and control
- Epidemiology and surveillance efforts
- Behavioral health
- Research assistance such as blood draws, data collection and interviews

The Maryland Responds MRC is a statewide network of local groups of volunteers who work with their local health departments and communities to improve public health, decrease vulnerability, improve emergency capabilities and build resilience. With over 4,100 dedicated volunteers enrolled 24 local units statewide, the Maryland Responds MRC brings personnel with a wealth of experience and training in public health and emergency preparedness.



*Maryland Responds volunteers assemble Zika Preparedness Kits with DHMH OP&R.*

Contact your local MRC Unit Administrator to find out how MRC can assist in your response. Find the MRC nearest you at <http://bit.ly/mdrLocalAdmin>.

MRC volunteers can conduct outreach to a variety of target audiences, such as:

- Pregnant women and women of child-bearing age, and their spouses or partners
- At-risk individuals (such as travelers)
- Members of the general public

MRC volunteers can provide educational interventions at:

- Mother-and-child nutrition clinics
- Health centers
- Schools and day care centers
- Community locations frequented by at-risk individuals and members of the public.

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