

Membership Requirements Overview

The Perry County Health Department extends an open membership to anyone with a desire to serve their community and Perry County. Previous or current healthcare experience is not required to serve on the medical reserve corps. Any volunteers without healthcare experience are welcome to assist with administrative, logistics, and other support functions.

Within the Perry County Medical Reserve Corps, you are not considered a full-fledged member unless the following conditions are satisfied:

- 1) MRC application has been submitted
- 2) Provided license/certification information (if applicable)
 - a. Healthcare professionals must maintain a current medical licensure or certification. Medical personnel may only work within the scope of their license.
 - b. When a license is renewed, an updated license/certification must be provided to the MRC leader.
- 3) Cleared a background check
- 4) Review training requirements (see training section below)
- 5) Agree to attend a minimum of two MRC events per year. These events may include any of the following:
 - a. Quarterly MRC meetings
 - b. Training exercises
 - c. Respond to an emergency drill

If at any time a member fails to satisfy these conditions, they will no longer be considered an active member of the Perry County MRC.

MRC Training

Members of the MRC are recommended to complete a set number of core competency trainings. Additional trainings may be added in the future as the need arises. Trainings are required to be completed on your own time unless you attend a training exercise hosted by the MRC unit.

Several of the trainings can be completed on the free Illinois MRC TRAIN platform (<https://www.train.org/illinois/search?type=course>). MRC members can register for free by using the following link (<https://www.train.org/illinois/user/register>).

Other trainings must be completed on the free FEMA platform (<https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx?lang=en>). In order to register for FEMA courses, please register for a FEMA SID (<https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>).

New members are recommended to complete the following trainings:

- IS-100.C: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100
 - <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.c&lang=en>
- IS-200.C: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200
 - <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-200.c&lang=en>

- HIPAA Awareness - Module 1 (1047429)
 - <https://www.train.org/illinois/course/1047429/details>
- Psychological First Aid: A Minnesota Community Supported Model
 - <https://www.train.org/illinois/course/1050404/details>

Additional trainings may be offered to MRC members throughout the year. Some trainings will be mandatory, while others will be optional to expand your skillset as an MRC member.

Once a training has been completed, the MRC member must submit a copy of the training certificate to the MRC leader. The MRC leader will maintain a file with all MRC member training certificates.

Training Exercises

Exercises are designed to provide valuable hands-on experience to prepare volunteers and the community for potential incidents and events. Volunteers will be able to test their ability to respond to emergencies during these exercises.

Participation in exercises is highly recommended for volunteers. Attending an exercise will count towards your 2 required annual MRC events. Exercises may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Call down drills
- Mass distribution of medical countermeasures
- Mass casualty incidents
- Radiation exposure events
- Patient evacuation scenarios
- Mass care/shelter operations