



SAN DIEGO MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

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Category	Count
Physicians	160
Physician Assistants	42
Nurse Practitioners	47
Pharmacists	82
Mental Health Professionals	27
EMS Professionals	104
Dentists	9
Veterinarians	7
Non-Public Health/Non-Medical	179
Respiratory Therapists	16
Nurses	809
Other Public Health/Medical	202

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 - Target population: 3.3 million residents of San Diego County



Local Disaster Response



- Responses to date have included:
 - 2005 Reception of Hurricane Katrina evacuees
 - 2007 San Diego County Firestorms
 - 2009 H1N1 Pandemic Influenza
 - 2014 San Diego County Wildfires
 - 2017 Hepatitis A Outbreak
- Trainings, exercise and drills





- San Diego MRC utilizes the California Disaster Service Worker (DSW) Volunteer Program to provide:
 - Workers' compensation benefits and limited immunity from liability
 - DSW volunteers injured while participating in disaster response and trainings
- Unable to utilize MRC outside of a disaster declaration and/or proclamation

Becoming a San Diego County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Volunteer



Thank you for your interest in joining the MRC!

San Diego County MRC Membership

- 1) Complete your profile on the Disaster Healthcare Volunteer website at <https://www.healthcarevolunteers.ca.gov> and select San Diego County MRC. Please ensure your profile is **100% complete**.
- 2) Complete the FEMA ICS 100 and ICS 700 Courses at <http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp>
You will have to register for a FEMA SID # if you have not taken any previous FEMA courses.
 - a. **IS-100.C: Introduction to the Incident Command System**
<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.c>
 - b. **IS-700.B National Management System (NIMS), An Introduction**
<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.b>
 - c. Upload the completed certificates to your DHV profile under the Training Tab
- 3) Once the FEMA courses and your profile are complete please fill out the Screening form on Survey Monkey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8XWMK78>. Once receiving your submission, the DHV coordinator will reach out to individuals to schedule an orientation time. Those who have completed orientation will be informed of upcoming drills and exercises depending on staffing needs.

Once step 3 is complete, Melissa Dredge at Melissa.Dredge@sdcounty.ca.gov will reach out to individuals to schedule an orientation time. Those who have completed orientation will be informed of upcoming drills and exercises depending on staffing needs.

At orientation you can also register as a California Disaster Service Worker Volunteer, take Loyalty and to sign the Disaster Service Worker (DSW) Oath.

- Please provide the following documentation at orientation:
 - Driver's License or government Issued Photo ID

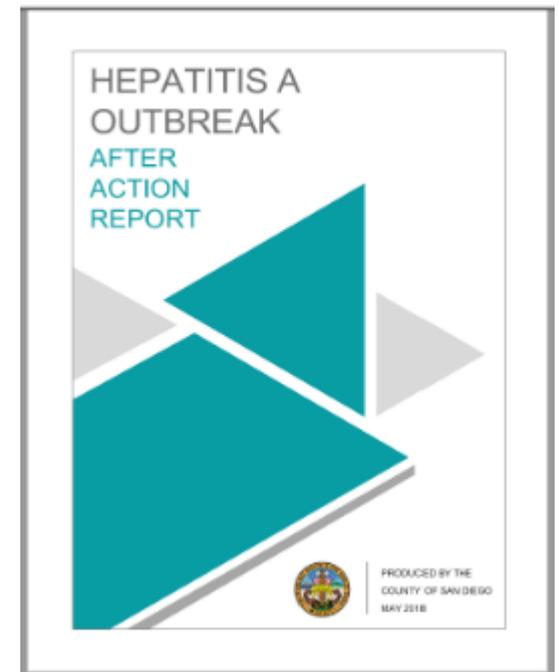
Hepatitis A and MRC



30 MRC nurses responded to a call for interest during the Hepatitis A outbreak

- 6 were deployed

“Expanding the vaccination teams through ...utilizing nurses from the Medical Reserve Corps ...had a significant positive impact on vaccination results.”



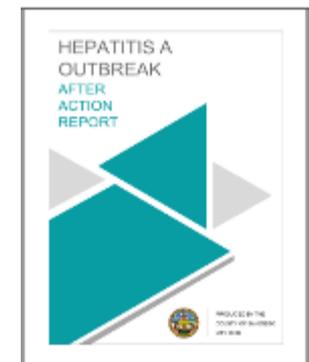


- Highlight:

RECOMMENDATION 16:

Enhance local surge capacity to respond to a public health need.

“A future public health response may require a surge of health care professional resources but may not necessitate a local emergency declaration. ...Some California counties have been able to draw from the MRC’s volunteer list outside of a declared emergency by declaring local hiring and liability coverage protocols.... The county will also pursue a policy at the state level to allow the MRC to be used for surge healthcare staffing and respective drills in the absence of a local emergency or local health emergency declaration”.





There is a fiscal impact associated with these actions.

- County's background investigation of \$32 per volunteer
- While activated, if actions give rise to any claims or litigations, that would be the responsibility of the county.
 - Funds for this request are in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 HHSA Ops plan.
 - Associated costs will be absorbed by existing appropriations. This would result in:
 - No change in net General Fund cost.
 - No additional staff years.

ACTIONS REQUESTED



	CURRENT STATE	TO-BE STATE
Activation of SDMRC	A declaration of a local emergency or local health emergency must occur to activate the SDMRC.	The Public Health Officer can deploy SDMRC volunteers to respond to public health threats , without an emergency declaration.
Onboarding Process	Follow current Disaster Service Worker (DSW) onboarding process	Follow current DSW onboarding process, complete County volunteer paperwork, and background check
Medical Care	Provided through the DSW program	Provided through the County's workers' compensation coverage
Liability	State law provides limited immunity from liability via the Good Samaritan Law and Emergency Services Act	Provide equivalent and professionally-appropriate protections as County volunteers



- Supports *Live Well San Diego* vision by:
 - Ensuring timely and efficient response to County emergencies/disasters
 - Promoting a healthy, safe, and thriving region



THANK YOU

