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Medical Reserve Corps Influenza Vaccine Administration

A mission of the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is to provide support to hospitals and local health groups. These organizations may request MRC support, if volunteers are asked to provide clinical care for these organizations, these organizations are responsible for providing the medical orders and liability coverage for these activities.

MRCs are community level volunteer organizations that support the health department, local hospitals, and their communities. Units are made up of medical and non-medical volunteers, serving up to their licensed skill level based on incident need. Members can volunteer as much time as they like on health and wellness activities and/or just serve in times of need. Volunteers can be deployed locally in the event of an emergency, support first aid stations at community events, educate the public on preparedness, and assist in promoting various health and wellness activities. More information about MRCs can be found here, www.OnCallforVt.org.

For the 2020-2021 flu season, hospitals and local health groups may request licensed MRC volunteers to assist as vaccinators. The hospitals and local health groups utilizing MRC volunteer vaccinators are responsible for providing the medical orders and liability coverage. For influenza vaccine administration the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) is requiring the organizations submit a letter detailing the need to leverage MRC Volunteers that describes the steps they have taken to meet this need through their regular resources and processes, why the organizations still needs assistance, and the safety measures they will have in place for the volunteers.

Requests for support or questions should be sent to the MRC inbox, MRC@vermont.gov or directed to State Emergency Operations Center at 800-347-0488.

Thank you,

Vermont Department of Health

