



**Town of Northborough**  
**Board of Health**  
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Dear Northborough Resident:

The Northborough Board of Health is in the process of working with the Worcester Regional Medical Reserve Corps to organize a local Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) to supplement existing Town of Northborough resources during emergencies and times of need that may impact public health. The MRC is a volunteer group made up of both medical and non-medical persons who are willing to help out in a public health emergency. You have been selected to receive this volunteer request due to your professional knowledge and experience. Please consider volunteering to help your community, your family and yourself.

MRCs serve a critical function in communities, especially during emergencies when local resources may be quickly overwhelmed due to the scale and severity of the incident or disaster. As the MRC is a volunteer organization, members can dedicate as much or as little time as they chose.

MRC volunteers may respond to both emergency and non-emergency events that may overwhelm a community's resources. They may also be asked to serve as public educators, make presentations to schools, assist with MRC recruiting, help out at local flu clinics and many similar duties, all of which will, again, be strictly voluntary. The following are some examples of how a MRC can assist during a public health emergency:

- Conduct a mass vaccination clinic (e.g. administer immune globulin to food workers and/or restaurant patrons during a Hepatitis A outbreak)
- Provide medical, public, and mental health support in the event of an influenza pandemic
- Help in a shelter in the event of a large scale natural disaster or fire
- Help inform citizens during a public health emergency

MRC volunteers will receive FREE training on a variety of subjects. **For medical professionals, many of the trainings will count toward Continuing Medical Education hours.**

The enclosed brochure will provide you with additional information about the MRC. For more information, please visit the WRMRC web site at [www.WorcesterRegionalMRC.org](http://www.WorcesterRegionalMRC.org). You may sign-up online or simply complete the enclosed application and mail it to the WRMRC address inside. Orientations will be held throughout the area in the near future.

Your participation is invaluable in improving our preparedness for and response to future emergencies as well as promoting healthy living throughout the year in our community. We need your help to launch this new, important volunteer organization in the Town of Northborough.

Should you have questions or comments please contact the Northborough Board of Health Office at (508) 393-5009 or via email at [jterry@town.northborough.ma.us](mailto:jterry@town.northborough.ma.us). You may also contact the WRMRC directly by calling: Shawn Winsor, Coordinator of the Worcester Regional Medical Reserve Corps at (508) 799-8470.

Sincerely,

Jamie Terry, Health Agent  
Northborough Board of Health

**P.S. Note that in the event of an emergency involving infectious disease and the activation of the Emergency Dispensing Site, responding volunteers and everyone within their household will receive their vaccinations or antibiotics first, before the general public!**