MRC Well Check Webinar

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- Resource Spotlight for Unit Leaders
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 - MRC Unit Leader Trainings Series
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How NACCHO Supports the MRC



Mission of NACCHO

Improve the health of communities by strengthening and advocating for local public health.

- Skill building
- Professional resources and programs
- Seek health equity
- Support effective public health practices and systems.



Cooperative Agreement with HHS ASPR

Resources to support capabilities of the MRC.

- Provide MRC small grants to develop response capabilities.
- Technical resources for training and competencies.
- Unit leadership peer-to-peer learning.
- Promote MRC capabilities



2021 MRC Deployment Readiness Guide

Deployment Readiness Guide



Now available on NACCHO's MRC Deployment Readiness Resources webpage





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Navigating the Guide

Rapid Deployment Checklist

Rapid-deployment phase checklist includes activities that happen during not steady state to prepare new volunteers for potential rapid onboarding and rapid deployments.

RAPID DEPLOYMENT PHASE

Administration

- Ensure all volunteers complete an MRC application that includes a minimum of the following address (physical and mailing), phone number, email, profession, and opt-in text notification items, such as training, certifications, health professional status, health limitations, etc. may
- □ Ensure all volunteers have been issued an MRC badge, vest, and/or uniform.
- Document all volunteer activity during deployment including hours, signature, location, and
- Complete deployment tasks listed in the <u>Deployment Checklist</u> (p. 11).

Liability Coverage

- Ensure volunteers sign local and/or state loyalty oath and/or the MRC unit's code of conduct agreement
- Provide information on liability coverage.
- Confirm volunteer liability coverage once activated.

Screening

- Basic background checks are highly recommended for all rapid volunteers.
- Have all volunteers complete health/screening statements.

Verifying Medical Licenses

 Verify all medical credentials immediately prior to deployment. If a license is to expire soon (or within anticipated deployment date), flag for follow-up prior to expiration.

Training

- Provide JITT MRC orientation.
- Provide JITT for all responders to cover roles and mission response information.
- For baseline volunteer training recommendations, please see MRC Volunteer Tiers (p. 8) and MRC Core Competencies (p. 17).

Safety and Medical Clearance

- Conduct risk assessments for ALL events and deployments, to include health risks. See ICS-215A.
- Ensure a safety briefing is included in all activities.
- Be on alert for any accidents or injuries. Ensure volunteers understand procedures for reporting injuries.

Cultural Competency

- Identify volunteers who self-report language competencies.
- Based on the need of each mission, consider additional JITT training regarding ethics, sensitivity, "bedside manner," and social media sensitivity in disaster settings.
- Include cultural challenges and strategies in briefings.

MRC Mission Set Examples

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Links both within guide and to external sources

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- Risk Communications These Mission Sets plan for the deployment of MRC volunteers to participate in public messaging following emergencies and disasters as well as to staff a COVID-19 hotline.



MRC Volunteer Tier Level Structure

The following chart provides a recommendation for standardizing MRC volunteer tier levels based on level of emergency response experience, training, exercises, unit activities, and activations/deployments. MRC units should also ensure that volunteers meet the appropriate administrative actions and JITT role-specific training required prior to volunteer activations or deployments.

MRC Volunteer Tier Levels							
Level	Deployable	Level Description	Training				
MRC Level 1	EMAC/Federal Intrastate Local	Meet the standards for Level 2 Demonstrated experience in non-emergency activations or emergency deployments Capable of serving supervisory roles Background check recommended & may be required for EMAC deployments	Required: IS-200 IS-800 Recommended: MRC Core Competencies Learning Paths Volunteer Leadership Community Resiliency				
MRC Level 2	Intrastate Local	Level 2 Volunteers: Meet the standards for Level 3 Demonstrated experience through training/exercises Demonstrated participation in unit activities and non-emergency events Background check recommended	Required:				
MRC Level 3	• Local	Level 3 Volunteers: Limited training or participation in unit activities Background check recommended	Required: • MRC Unit Orientation or JITT equivalent Recommended: MRC Core Competencies Learning Path • Volunteer Preparedness				
MRC Level 4	Local surge response only	Level 4 Volunteers: Registered with the MRC but have not completed MRC unit on-boarding process or orientation Can be deployable during a local emergency surge response, if they receive a JITT orientation, role-specific JITT, and meet rapid deployment on-boarding requirements.					
Unassigned	Non-deployable	Spontaneous or volunteers from other volunteer organizations Volunteers would need to register with the MRC unit and meet Level 3 requirements to be deployable					

MRC Unit Leader Deployment Readiness Checklists

This checklist of activities is designed to guide MRC Unit Leaders through the phases of a deployment: Pre-deployment, Deployment, Rapid Deployment, and Post-deployment. The following recommendations are by no means exhaustive but cover a broad spectrum of topics including administration, liability coverage, screening, verification of medical licensure, safety and medical clearance, training, cultural competency, and response operations.

Pre-Deployment Checklist

The pre-deployment phase checklist includes activities that happen during steady state to prepare volunteers for potential deployments.

PRE-DEPLOYMENT PHASE

Administration

- Ensure all volunteers complete an MRC application that includes a minimum of the following items: address (physical and mailing), phone number, email, profession, and opt-in text notifications. Additional items, such as previous training, certifications, health profession status, health limitations, etc., may be included. See <u>sample application</u>.
- □ Provide MRC policy and guidance documents with written volunteer acknowledgement.
- Document and ensure volunteers understand the notification process and deployment expectations.
 See sample activation process.
- Ensure all volunteers have been issued an MRC badge and uniform.

Liability Coverage

- Ensure volunteers sign local and/or state loyalty oath and/or the MRC unit's code of donduct agreement.
- Provide information on liability coverage. See <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public</u>
 Health Emergency Law (PHEL) Online Course (Unit 2) or the <u>Emergency Law Inventory</u>.

Screening

- All volunteers should undergo background checks, as resources allow. Consult your legal counsel regarding standards and process.
- If your unit has deployment disqualification conditions, make certain each applicant is clear of those conditions. See <u>pre-deployment questionnaire</u>.

Verifying Medical Licenses

- Ensure health professional MRC volunteers are registered via <u>Emergency System for Advance</u>.
 Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP) or other credentialing software.
- Periodically verify all medical credentials. If a license is to expire soon (or within anticipated deployment date), flag for follow up prior to expiration.



Volunteer Capabilities and Baseline Training Standards

MRC Volunteer Core Competencies

Preparedness

- Personal & Family
- Safe Behaviors

Response

- Volunteer Roles
- Communicate Effectively
- Surge Capacity Responses
- Clinical Management

Leadership

PATHS

LEARIJING

- Situational Awarenesss
- Public Health for All Populations

Community Resilience

- Ethical Principles
- Legal Principles
- Recovery Considerations

MRC Volunteer Deployment Readiness eLearnings

NACCHO, with input from the contributors of the Deployment Ready Project, has developed two eLearning courses for MRC volunteers to prepare them for the different phases of deployments.

The **Pre-Deployment training** provides volunteers with an understanding of the phases of deployment, terms and acronyms used, personal and family preparedness, recommended training, and other activities they can take to be prepared in advance for potential emergency and non-emergency responses.

The **Deployment and Post-Deployment training** provides volunteers with understanding of the types of activities they can expect during and after a deployment. It also provides information on health and safety factors, equipment, supplies, training, and administrative and operational activities.

The MRC Volunteer Deployment Readiness eLearning courses are available on:

MRC TRAIN (www.mrc.train.org)

- MRC Volunteer Deployment Readiness: <u>Pre-Deployment Phase 1086867</u>
- MRC Volunteer Deployment Readiness: <u>Deployment and Post-Deployment Phases 1086868</u>

NACCHO University (https://www.pathlms.com/naccho)

· Both courses can be found in the Public Health Preparedness tab - Medical Reserve Corps.



MRC TRAIN

MRC Core Competencies Volunteer Training Plan – January 2022





ID 4101

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Training Plan is a suggested guide for training MRC Volunteers at the local level. It presents a "menu" of options to guide MRC Unit leaders and volunteers with trainings that align with the DMPH Competencies. MRC units can choose trainings from the training matrix, use other trainings not listed in the matrix, or create their own unit-specific trainings based on the DMPH competencies.

https://www.train.org/mrc/training_plan/4101



Mission Sets

Mission Sets featured in the 2021 DRG:

- Various COVID-19 Responses
 - PODs
 - COVID-19 Testing
 - Medical Surge
 - Risk Communications
 - Targeted Outreach
 - PPE Fit Testing
- Medical Surge/ Alternate Care Sites (ACS)
- Risk Communications
- Emergency Auxiliary Communications
- Targeted Outreach
- Medical & Non-Medical Shelter Operations
- Community Reception Centers (Radiation Response)
- Resiliency (Disaster Behavioral Health)
- Animal Response
- Family Assistance Center
- Medical Volunteer Coordination



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Overview of COVID-19 Response Mission Sets

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NACCHO's MRC Unit Leader Training Series





MRC Unit Leader Training Series

- ➤ Unit Leader Responsibilities and Resources
- Developing Unit Leadership
- Volunteer Management
- Developing Unit Training Plans
- Unit Administration Requirements
- Developing Community Partners

Intended for MRC unit leaders, volunteers serving in a leadership role, or others that are engaged in the planning, development, and execution of an MRC unit.

Provide resources and recommendations for unit leaders that support the MRC Unit Factors for Success.

Goal is to develop an MRC unit that supports their community preparedness, response, and recovery plans.

Courses can be taken in any order depending on the needs of the user.



Unit Leader Training Series Course Descriptions

Unit Leader Responsibilities and Resources-(MRC-TRAIN 1102996)

This course reviews MRC unit leaders' responsibilities and resources including:

- MRC Unit Factors for Success and Technical Assistance Assessments
- MRC listservs
- New Leader Orientation
- MRC Unit Profile & Activity Reporting System
- Intro to the MRC Deployment Readiness Guide

Developing Unit Leadership-(MRC-TRAIN 1101198)

This course guides MRC unit leaders through:

- Structural development and organization of the unit
- Implementing risk management strategies
- Understand the community they serve
- Develop a mission statement and unit goals and objectives
- Plan and conduct non-emergency activities and events



Unit Leader Training Series Cont.

Developing Unit Training Plans-(MRC-TRAIN 1101199)

This course supports leaders in the planning, development, and execution of an MRC unit's training plan:

- Conducting a training needs assessment and audit
- Identifying training resources
- Understanding the types of training formats and best practices
- Collaborating with partner agencies
- Evaluating training programs

Volunteer Management-(MRC-TRAIN 110132)

This course guides unit leaders through basic principles of volunteer management including:

- Determining unit composition requirements
- Creating job action sheets and job descriptions
- Developing procedures for volunteer recruitment, retention, and recognition
- Creating a volunteer communication plan
- Understanding CDC's Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (PHEP) Capability 15.



Unit Leader Training Series Cont.

Developing Unit Administrative Requirements- (MRC-TRAIN 1102994)

This course promotes common standards for MRC unit administration policies and procedures and includes:

- Developing a strategic plan or roadmap for the unit
- Determining unit financial needs and identifying funding sources
- Writing grant proposals and planning for financial sustainability
- Developing policies and procedures for unit administration

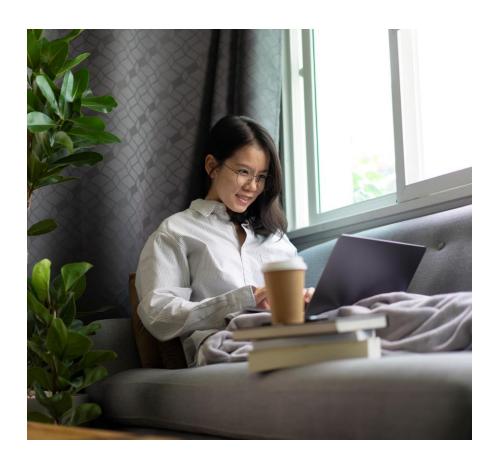
Building Community Partnerships-(MRC-TRAIN 1102995)

This course provides tools and resources to assist unit leaders in:

- Establishing and maintaining partnerships and affiliations within the community
- Understanding different types of partnerships and the partnership continuum,
- Identifying and analyzing stakeholders
- Applying Adaptive Leadership theory



Unit Leader Training Series on MRCTRAIN



Developing MRC Unit Leadership:

https://www.train.org/mrc/course/1101198/

2. Developing MRC Unit Training Plans:

https://www.train.org/mrc/course/1101199/

3. MRC Volunteer Management:

https://www.train.org/mrc/course/1101321/

4. MRC Unit Leader Responsibilities and Resources

https://www.train.org/mrc/course/1102996

5. Developing Unit Administrative Requirements

https://www.train.org/mrc/course/1102994

6. Building Community Partnerships

https://www.train.org/mrc/course/1102995



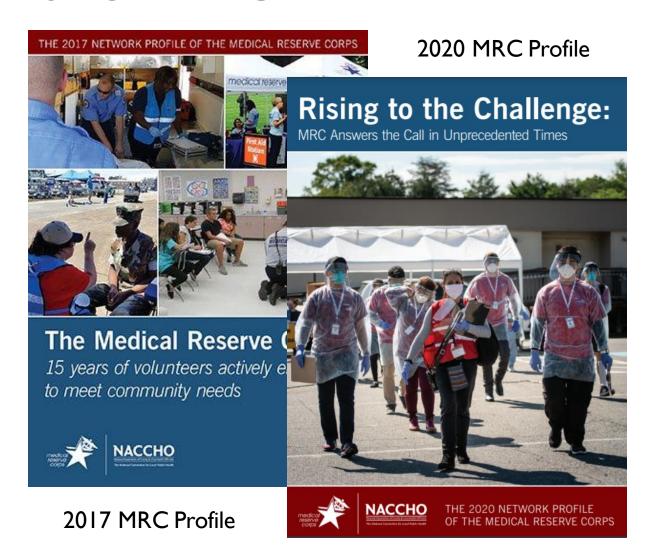
Network Profile of the MRC

What is it?

- Periodic report to review the state of the MRC
- Provides comparison and trends in data from previous profiles
- Promotes capabilities, strengths, and priorities for partners and stakeholders.

Report Methodology:

- Survey to all active unit leaders
- Includes data that profiles the MRC network for a specific calendar year
- Response rates average 60-80%

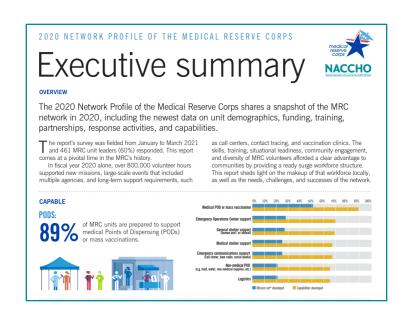




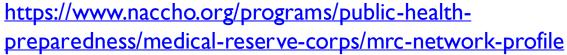
Resources Available to Promote MRC

INFOGRAPHIC: MRC UNIT SNAPSHOT

Executive Summary
Full Profile Report
3 Downloadable Infographics

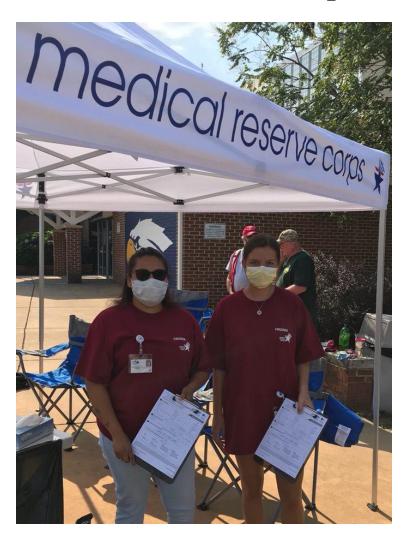


AVERAGE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER RESPONDED TO COVID-19 DURING THE PAST YEAR: 820,000 **SMALL** 76% **MEDIUM 89%**





2022 Network Profile of the MRC 20th Anniversary edition



- Your participation is important to fully represent the MRC network.
- Survey launch to all unit leaders late February through March 2023.
 - Data collected for calendar year 2022.
 - FAQ's will be available in advance to prepare for the survey.
- Photos wanted please share unit photos.
 - Action oriented
 - Volunteer diversity
 - Include photos with MRC branding

We hope the data you collect to complete the survey will also help you share the great work of your unit!



Funding Challenges for the MRC

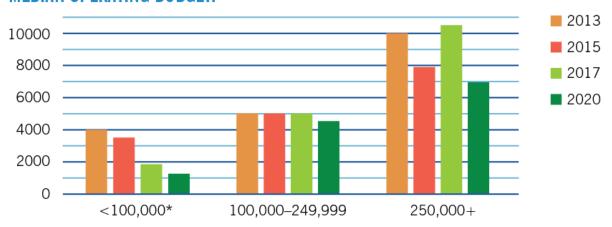
Findings from the 2020 MRC Network Profile:

- Funding comes from multiple sources
- Not equal across units and jurisdiction sizes
- Sustainment challenges

NACCHO's role:

- Provide small awards (ORA)
- Focus on building sustainment
- Supplemental funding for COVID response (RISE Awards)

MEDIAN OPERATING BUDGET:



TOP 4 FUNDING SOURCES:

2020	33 %	29%	25%	13 %
2017	28%	24%	34%	24%
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NO FUNDING		OPERATIONAL READINESS AWARDS	PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS GRANT	LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT



MRC Awards to Support Response Capabilities

Operational Readiness Awards (ORA)

- **Provides seed money** for MRC units to build and strengthen volunteer and unit response capabilities.
- Aims to build the operational readiness capabilities of MRC volunteers and units to meet the emergency preparedness and response needs of their local, regional, or statewide stakeholders.

Examples:

- Development of training and preparedness programs for MRC volunteers
- Development of community training programs
- Attainment of necessary deployment equipment

Respond, Innovate, Sustain, and Equip Awards (RISE)

- Provides resources to the MRC network to support COVID-19 response efforts.
- Prioritizes building capacity for the MRC to respond, innovate to evolving requirements, sustain staffing requirements, and equip MRC units with resources needed to support their mission.

Examples:

- Recruitment and onboarding of volunteers.
- Attainment of necessary resources and equipment to support surge response activities.
- Sustain COVID-19 and Flu vaccination efforts.

2021 Operational Readiness Awards (ORA)

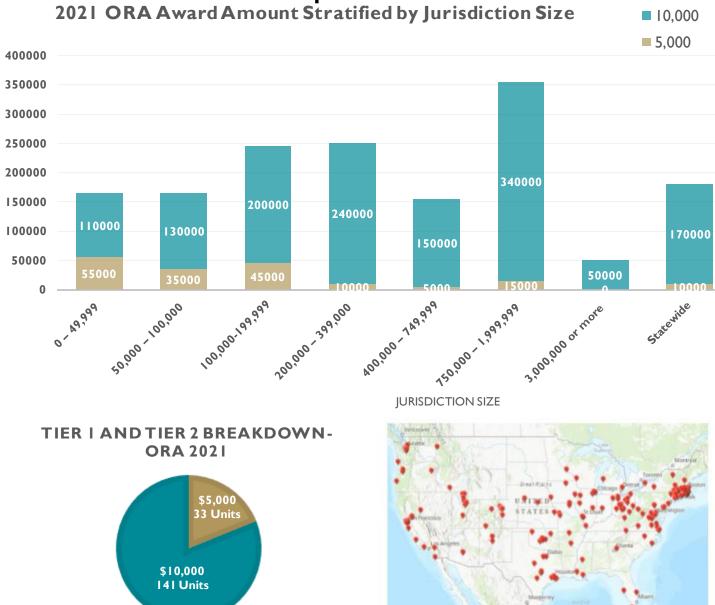


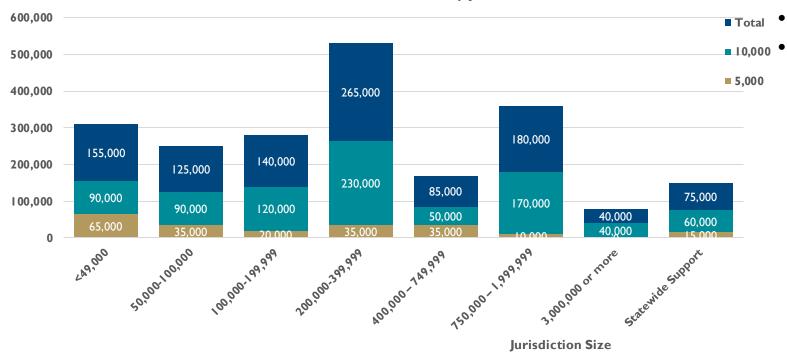
Figure 1: Location map of all 2021 ORA award

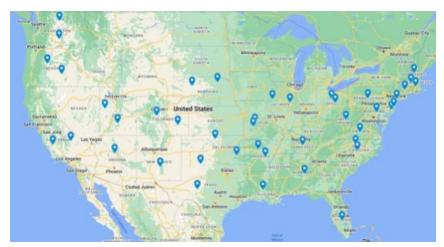
- Total Amount Awarded: 1,560,000
- Number of units receiving award based on jurisdiction size:
 - less than 100k: 42 units (\$330,000) or
 21.2% of total awards
 - 100-400K: 55 units (\$495,000) or **32.7**%
 - 400K or more:77 units (\$735,000) or 47.1%
 - **53.9**% of total funding was awarded to units that reported a jurisdiction size of **less than 400,000**.
 - 47.1% of total funding was awarded to units that reported a jurisdiction size of more than 400,000 (including statewide).



2022 Operational Readiness Awards (ORA)

Award Amount Breakdown by Jurisdiction Size





TIER I AND TIER 2 BREAKDOWN-ORA 2022



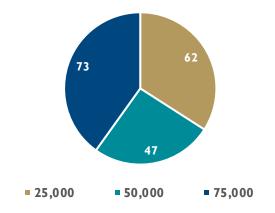
- Total Amount Awarded: 1,065,000
- Number of units receiving award based on jurisdiction size:
 - less than 100k: 37 units (\$280,000) or
 26.4% of total awards
 - 100-400K: 45 units (\$405,000) or **38**%
 - 400K or more:
 46 units (\$380,000) or 35.6%
 - 64.4% of total funding was awarded to units that reported a jurisdiction size of less than 400,000.
 - 35.6% of total funding was awarded to units that reported a jurisdiction size of more than 400,000 (including statewide).



MRC Respond Innovate Sustain & Equip Awards

RISE Awards Round One

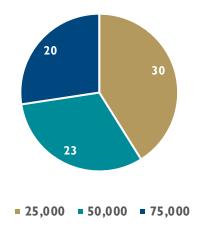
RISE Round I Awardees by Tier Level



\$14,883,750 Total Funding

RISE Award Round Two

RISE Round 2 Awardees by Tier Level



Please note this figure only includes the original round of funding. Does not include additional funding awards.

Total Amount Awarded: \$11,483,750

9,375,000 plus \$2,108,705 option for extra funding

- \$25,000:62 units & 30 extra funds
- \$50,000:47 units & 29 extra funds
- \$75,000:73 units & 21 extra funds

Total Amount Awarded: \$3,400,000

- \$25,000:20 units
- \$50,000:23 units
- \$75,000:30 units



Looking Ahead...

2022-2023 Operational Readiness Awards

- The selection process for the 2023 ORAs is underway
- Awardees will be notified the week of January 24th

2023 MRC Regional Workshops



2023 MRC Regional Workshops

NACCHO will host 4 Regional Workshops

- Foster collaboration between MRC units and key stakeholders.
- Facilitate integration of the MRC in local, statewide, or interstate deployments.
- Travel awards (travel, lodgings, per diem meals) for MRC unit leaders and state coordinators outside of commuting area.
- Workshop is 1.5 days.
 - Day I Breakout sessions and a response scenario exercise
 - Day 2 State and Regional
- Travel day prior and depart on day 2.
- These travel awards are available from NACCHO through a cooperative agreement with the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response and the Medical Reserve Corps Program.



2023 MRC Regional Workshops

March - Regions 1, 2, and 3

(Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Island, District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia)

May - Regions 4 and 6:

(Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas)

June - Regions 5 and 7:

(Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska)

July - Regions 8, 9, and 10:

(Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Guam, American Samoa, CNMI, FSM, RMI, Republic of Palau, Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington)





Questions?

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