



UC Volunteer News

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COVID-19 Update

As of January 17, 2022, 1,320,705 Tennesseans have been fully vaccinated that's 51.8% and 58.6% have received one dose. Visit the TN Vaccine Dashboard at <https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/> to view the latest vaccination numbers. Vaccines are still available, to find a location near you visit vaccines.gov.

Since March 2020, the Upper Cumberland Region's health departments have conducted 175,657 COVID tests. Since December 2020, the health departments have given out 17,812 take home tests. Free COVID testing is still available at all health departments. To find a testing site near you, visit the Department of Health's website at <https://covid19.tn.gov/testing-sites/>.

2022 MRC Winter/Spring Training Schedule

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Introduction to Mental Health Preparedness

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Training held by Zoom

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Introduction to Mental Health Preparedness: 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

IS-100: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

IS-700: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

To be announced how training will be held.

Volunteers that still need to complete the classes will be notified by email.

National Volunteer Week Lunch and Learn Session

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

To be announced how session will be held.

MRC Volunteer Identification Card

It is time once again for volunteers to receive their MRC Volunteer Identification Card with the expiration date of 2023. All volunteers will receive their card through the mail during the month of January. This identification card allows volunteers through security during a public health event where the MRC has been deployed. It is important for volunteers to not self-deploy during an event. Volunteers will be notified by the Tennessee Volunteer Mobilizer Alerting System of any request for assistance from the MRC unit. Only pre-identified, documented volunteers with a current MRC Volunteer Identification who have been asked to report for duty by the MRC Coordinator will be allowed through security. This identification is only to be used to gain entrance to the work site. Once a volunteer has been deployed and reported to the requested work site, each volunteer will receive a MRC Identification Badge to be used throughout their deployment.

Medical Reserve Corps 2021 Year in Review

National Program Review:

- 800 Total Units Across the Nation
- 200,000+ Registered Volunteers Across the Nation
- 3 Million+ COVID-19 Response Hours

Upper Cumberland Unit Review:

- 1,206 Total Registered Volunteers
- 713 Non-Medical Volunteers
- 493 Medical Volunteers
- 80 Volunteers Trained in Incident Command
- 82 Volunteers Trained in Mental Health Preparedness
- 5 Upper Cumberland Volunteers Deployed for COVID-19 Response

The National MRC Program which is part of ASPR (Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response) is now included on ASPR's new website. The new website address to see the latest information on the MRC units across the country is aspr.hhs.gov/MRC.

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