

# Medical Reserve Corps and Hospital Support

HOW MRC CAN SUPPORT HOSPITAL CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS



# What is Medical Reserve Corps?



**THE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS**  
**TWO DECADES OF SERVICE**

# The Situation



- **Pandemic or Mass Casualty Surge**
- **Staff Shortages**
  - Increased demand
  - Call Outs
- **Implement COOP Plans**
  - Surge support
  - Fill support roles
- **Drills and Exercises**
  - Actors, participants
  - As surge support
- **Training**
  - Standardize training
  - Online, in-person

# How Other MRCs Help Hospitals



- In Delaware, MRC helped the Eds: vitals, monitoring and moving patients, intake during Omicron surge, especially, refilling supply carts
- New Mexico, MRC is in hospital surge plans across the state: ICU and EDs at IHS hospitals during COVID
- Snohomish Washington State, staffed screening stations at hospital entrances, vitals on some hospital floors
- Massachusetts, MRC nurses and EMTs helped with basic patient care when nursing home patients were evacuated to the general hospital
- Greene County Ohio MRC: full-scale ER exercises, vaccinated staff

# Where Can We Start?

- Identify hospital surge needs
- Agreement on credentialing standard
- Develop training plan
- Develop deployment checklist
- Exercise plan
- Train for the next surge





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