

## How Vermont Schools Can Request Medical Reserve Corps Assistance during the COVID-19 Pandemic

### Vermont SU/SDs or Independent School Requests and the Medical Reserve Corps Vermont Department of Health (8/19/20)

Vermont's emergency Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) may be available to help schools in a variety of ways during this COVID-19 pandemic. The Agency of Education suggests that such requests come directly from the schools for the MRC assistance. Please feel free to share the following information with school administrators that you may be working with:

#### Requesting Medical Reserve Corps Assistance

[Vermont's Medical Reserve Corps](#) (MRC) are community-based groups of volunteers who supplement local emergency and public health resources with their medical and non-medical skills. Any SU/SDs or independent schools that would like to request MRC volunteers to help with health care needs and/or screening this year should do the following:

1. Collaborate with your school nurse and/or COVID Coordinator to identify your specific need (e.g. assistance with daily temperature screenings, consultation on the school's COVID-19 Response Plan, etc.)
2. Call the State Emergency Operations Center through the Vermont Emergency Management main call center at 1-800-347-0488.

Be prepared to provide the following information with your MRC request:

1. Point of contact (name, phone, email) for the request.
2. Location and parking information.
3. Where and how the volunteer(s) should check-in with at site and receive any training/safety instruction and a point of contact for their questions.
4. Information on your specific need, the roles, duties and expectations for volunteers;
5. Number of volunteers needed.
6. Shift times, days of week, etc. (shorter shifts tend to get more volunteers willing to help out).

MRC is a volunteer program, so ability to provide assistance is based on volunteers' interest and availability for the location. If they have questions, they may contact Sharonlee Trefry at [sharonlee.trefry@vermont.gov](mailto:sharonlee.trefry@vermont.gov).