

A message from your Health Officer from the Monmouth County Health Department...

The Monmouth County Health Department is a full-service health department providing residents with health education, clinical and preventive health services, environmental and consumer health programs, communicable disease control and public health preparedness.

Monmouth County Medical Reserve Corp

The **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)** was founded by the federal government shortly after 9/11. The national system brings together people who have skills related to health care as well as citizen volunteers. They serve as a team during times of emergency or need in their own community. **MRC** units are trained and prepared to respond to emergencies and they provide education, outreach and various health services throughout the year. They function as part of their local emergency preparedness teams. **MRC** units supplement existing emergency and public health resources and agencies such as Red Cross, local public health, fire, police, and ambulance services. The result is a collaborative effort that is prepared for large scale public health crises.

The Monmouth County Health Department MRC team was invaluable during the H1N1 Influenza Outbreak. Between October 2009 and March 2010, volunteers assisted in the efforts that vaccinated nearly 17,000 residents, and also provided health education programs throughout the community. In addition to public health emergencies, our MRC volunteers are being trained to provide health education programs regarding adult vaccination and pediatric obesity.

The Monmouth County Health Department is currently looking for additional volunteers for our team. In order to build a medical/administrative support team in the case of a large response, a variety of backgrounds are needed. The health department is looking for nurses, physicians, physician assistants, crisis counselors, and translators. General volunteers for support services are also needed. Volunteers must be 18 years old, live or work in Monmouth County, and be a U.S. Citizen. If you are interested in learning more about joining the Monmouth County Medical Reserve Corp, please call Lisa Lee at 732-431-7456 or visit our website at www.visitmonmouth.com.

Be Well,

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Health Officer and Public Health Coordinator

The mission of the Monmouth County Health Department is to protect the health and welfare of the residents within the Board of Health system. Towns covered by the services of the Monmouth County Board Health System are: Aberdeen, Allentown, Asbury Park, Atlantic Highlands, Avon, Belmar, Bradley Beach, Englishtown, Farmingdale, Hazlet, Howell, Lake Como, Manasquan, Marlboro, Matawan, Millstone, Neptune Twp, Neptune City, Oceanport, Ocean Grove, Roosevelt and Union Beach.