

## PURPOSE:

A capacity building initiative to bolster New Jersey's local health department workforce for public health emergency response in mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

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## RESPOND BY:

Respond to this  
**Call for Volunteers**  
by 12:00 PM EST on  
5/1/2020.

Submit your response at  
**http://  
healthsurveys.nj.gov  
/NoviSurvey/n/  
zz2ab.aspx**



## OFFICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH (OLPH)

STRENGTHENING NEW JERSEY'S LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), Office of Local Public Health, seeks volunteer health officers licensed in the State of New Jersey to bolster local COVID-19 response. Health officer volunteers will work alongside public health professionals in local health department settings to carry out a variety of COVID-19 duties and other essential public health services. Limited compensation may be available to health officer volunteers selected to work in-person at local health departments.

**Licensed health officers willing and able to lend support should respond to this Call for Volunteers by no later than 12:00 PM EST on Friday, May 1, 2020.** Submit your response [here](#). Kindly note that although priority will be given to those who respond by the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis. OLPH will work closely with local health departments across the State of New Jersey to fill critical workforce gaps and meet COVID-19 capacity needs through the use of licensed health officer volunteers.

By responding to the Call for Volunteers, you are not committing to work at a local health department. OLPH will contact you with more details and request your resume, if your competencies and skills can support local response to COVID-19 and essential public health service delivery.

## GUIDANCE ON VOLUNTEERING

VOLUNTEERS SHOULD EXPECT REWARDING EXPERIENCES UNDER SAFE CONDITIONS.

- Access available equipment, training, information, educational materials, and resources to perform assigned COVID-19 tasks.
- Avoid use of phones, desks, offices, or other work equipment not assigned to you, when possible.
- Do not volunteer in-person, if sick.

- Share concerns about safety, health, and other issues that may arise during response to COVID-19.
- Self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19, if you suspect possible exposure.
- Minimize close contact with other workers and volunteers with social distancing and other exposure-reducing strategies like flexible work hours.
- Replace face-to-face meetings with virtual communications, if feasible.
- Use work supplies available for personal hygiene such as tissues, no-touch trash cans, hand soap, alcohol-based hand rubs containing at least 60 percent alcohol, disinfectants, and disposable towels for cleaning work surfaces.

## VOLUNTEER WORK ASSIGNMENTS

### LICENSED HEALTH OFFICERS CAN STRENGTHEN CAPACITY AND FILL GAPS FOR LOCAL RESPONSE TO COVID-19.

Assignments for licensed health officer volunteers may include, but not limited to, overseeing the following:

- Long-term care facility outbreak response.
- Contact tracing.
- Community testing sites.
- Business continuity planning.
- Service integration for vulnerable populations.
- Grant administration.
- Workforce development and training.
- Essential public health services.