

North Carolina Needs You – Please Volunteer as a Public Health or Health Care Worker to support the COVID-19 Vaccination Effort!

While in the midst of the most dangerous period yet in this pandemic, North Carolina is undertaking an unprecedented vaccination effort. Across the state, government agencies, business, and health care providers are coming together and partnering in new ways to get North Carolina vaccinated. They need your help. A joint effort of emergency management, public health and healthcare is recruiting and managing volunteers to support:

- Data Entry
- Event Planning
- Vaccine Administration
- Registration Assistance
- Answering Phones

If you're able to volunteer, please register through the NC Training, Exercise, and Response Management System (NC TERMS). This system can be accessed through: <https://terms.ncem.org/TRS/>. Once you create a personal profile, you will need to request team membership from the response profile page. Click join a team; select ESF8 – Public Health and Medical Services; then select COVID 19 Medical Response Volunteers. From there you will need to select the team you wish to join and click “Request Membership.” As your assistance is needed, you will be vetted (which includes a credential/license check and a criminal background check) and onboarded through Temp Solutions, the temporary staffing agency of NC Office of Human Resources prior to assignment. According to NC General Statute 166A, individuals providing health care services as part of a State Medical Assistance Team, designated by the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services, will be considered an “emergency management worker” and will be subject to the Immunity and Liability provisions outlined in 166A-19.60.

Local Health care Facilities affected by COVID-19 and in need of support can request assistance through their local (county) Emergency Management program. Local Emergency Managers may have the ability to fulfill the support requested within the county. State operated facilities should work through their state agency to route staffing support to the State Emergency Operations Center. Health care facilities seeking assistance should work with their local Emergency Managers to provide detailed information of the need (avoid requesting specific assets to allow maximum flexibility and increase the likelihood that the request can be filled). All requests for assistance, including supplies, equipment or personnel, are reviewed by the Division of Public Health, Office of Emergency Management Services (OEMS) and North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM).

Thank you for your commitment to protecting the health and wellbeing of all North Carolinians. North Carolina needs you!