

REQUEST FOR ACTIVE and INACTIVE/RETIRED HEALTHCARE LICENSEES

The District of Columbia Department of Health (DC Health) is requesting currently active and inactive/retired licensees register with the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) to assist with the District's response to coronavirus (COVID-19).

On March 11, 2020, Mayor Muriel Bowser declared a [public emergency](#) and a [public health emergency](#) in response to the continued spread of COVID-19 within the District of Columbia. On March 30, 2020, the Mayor issued a [Stay at Home Order](#), mandating all residents of the District stay at home to slow the spread of COVID-19. While DC Health continues its efforts to slow, and ultimately stop the spread of COVID-19, it is estimated that the number of patients will continue to rise. The increase in COVID-19 patients may create a strain on our healthcare system, as existing practitioners are devoting more and more resources to treating COVID-19 patients which has created a gap in providers available to treat non-COVID patients.

In response, DC Health is requesting assistance from any and all healthcare providers to help treat these patients. Specifically, DC Health is requesting assistance from (1) providers who are actively licensed, or (2) providers who have retired or placed their license in inactive status within the past five (5) years. **This request is not limited to just physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists, and physician assistants, but includes any practitioners who feel they can provide assistance, such as:**

- Dentists
- Pharmacists
- Surgical Assistants
- Trauma Technologists
- Mental Health Professionals (e.g., social workers, professional counselors, and/or psychologists)
- Allied Health Professionals (e.g., physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech-language therapists)
- Nursing Assistive Personnel (e.g., patient care technicians, dialysis technicians, and certified nursing assistants)

DC Health is also requesting assistance from local schools and healthcare training programs to facilitate any additional training and competency verification for volunteers who have not been actively engaged in their profession.

If you are interested, please register with the District of Columbia's Medical Reserve Corps at <https://dchealth.dc.gov/mrc>. Once registered, a representative will contact you should you be selected.

For more information about COVID-19 and the District's response, visit coronavirus.dc.gov.