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Riverside County
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County urges residents to volunteer for medical and non-medical positions

Riverside County is calling on all willing residents, especially those with medical expertise, to support response efforts for novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Assisted living facilities, skilled nursing facilities and other group medical care sites are particularly in need for workers willing to care for COVID-19 patients.

This request goes out to all physicians, both active and retired, nurses, nurse assistants, as well as non-medical volunteers such as office staff or Class A and B drivers. The opportunities vary with some paid openings available. The county needs our residents' varied talents to support the response throughout the region's impacted communities.

"This is the call to action. We need medical volunteers willing to take care of patients who are COVID positive," said Dr. Michael Mesisca, from Riverside University Health System. "We will provide full protective equipment to keep you safe. But we need people to step up today. Go to our website and sign up to volunteer."

For all volunteer positions, please include all information requested to speed up the process for a background check and position placement. Useful information will include an availability schedule, driver's license, and any professional licenses or certificate numbers for the medical volunteers.

"We need healthy people who can give their time in both medical and non-medical positions," said Chair V. Manuel Perez, Fourth District Supervisor. "This is our moment to come together as a community and help each other."

Once a volunteer's background check has cleared, they will be contacted to link their skills and availability with critical needs.

For more information about becoming a volunteer, and to submit your information, please visit the Riverside County Public Health website: www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus and click on the "Volunteer" button or call 951-955-9227 for additional assistance.

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