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TO: Medical Reserve Corps Chapters/Unit Leaders
All Directors of Health and Acting Directors of Health

FROM: Stephanie McGuire, MRC Coordinator
Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response

DATE: March 19, 2020

RE: Consideration and activation of Medical Reserve Corps Members

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) anticipates that as COVID-19 cases increase in our communities, there will be staffing shortages in public health and healthcare. We would like to remind you that the services of Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) members may be requested. Consider the functions that your members could fulfill. MRC members who have current healthcare practitioner licenses may be needed at the recently launched hospital alternate location specimen collection sites, or for patient care in shelter operations. MRC members may also be helpful for triaging calls and emails that are coming into command centers, or local public health offices.

We anticipate that our healthcare workforce may face high demands throughout the pandemic, and that mass care shelters may also need medical personnel. We are requesting that MRC chapters make an effort to recruit additional medical volunteers through local institutes of higher education, and colleges and universities.

If you have not done so already, consider how you may be able to utilize MRC members, speak with your local emergency management director for any outstanding resource requests, and determine if MRC members are willing to help. If your MRC members are able to assist, please reach out to local providers and partners, and remind them that MRC volunteers are available to help as part of the response to COVID-19. This pandemic will require us to draw upon our community MRC volunteers.

The CT DPH, and Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security are ready to process MRC activations as soon as they are received.



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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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