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.

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 1st 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.