

Kane County Health Department Assists the State of Illinois in Recruitment of Medical Volunteers

March 31, 2020 – The Kane County Health Department (KCHD), in conjunction with the State of Illinois, is assisting in the recruitment of more medical professionals to aid in the fight against COVID-19. The state is calling on all licensed healthcare providers who are available to help to register at IllinoisHelps.net. The call for help includes physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, physician assistants, medics, LPNs, CNAs, podiatrists, and dentists.

Illinois Helps is an online volunteer management system that tracks healthcare workers who are available to respond, when activated, to a significant disaster or public health emergency. Once someone has registered to become a volunteer with Illinois Helps, their professional credentials will be verified and added to a secure statewide database. Volunteers will be part of an alert system and will be contacted when their expertise matches a need by the local, regional, or state missions. Individuals may be potentially contacted to work in a hospital surge or alternative housing setting. Illinois Helps may only be activated by the Director, Illinois Department of Public Health or the Commissioner, Chicago Department of Public Health or their designees in the event of an emergency.

If you are not a medical professional, you can find other volunteer opportunities at <u>www.Serve.Illinois.gov</u>.

For additional information and current updates on the COVID-19 situation, visit the KCHD website at KaneHealth.com or call the health department at 630-208-3801.

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