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Dear Colleague:

As you've undoubtedly seen, the Department of Health ("Department") and State of New Jersey are utilizing every available resource to respond to increasing cases of COVID-19 in our State. As we work to protect the public health and lessen the impact of this illness on our State, we need the help of our healthcare professionals more than ever.

The Department anticipates that increasing COVID-19 cases will further burden our healthcare resources. Our healthcare workers are everyday heroes and the sacrifices they are making throughout this response are inspiring. Given the difficulties the State and the healthcare system are facing, we are in need of more qualified health professionals to supplement our hospital capacity on a temporary basis.

I am asking licensed professionals like you to lend your clinical expertise and experience during this public health emergency.

I am also asking you to alert current and former colleagues and retired healthcare professionals of our need. We need physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, respiratory therapists, EMTs, public health professionals, and other frontline medical personnel.

I ask that you please share this call for help with any health professional able to support the State's response. Please indicate your interest, skills and availability at <https://covid19.nj.gov/volunteer>.

By providing information on the online form, you are not committing to deployment. The State will reach out with more details if your skillset can help us in our response to COVID-19.

As your Health Commissioner and a nurse, I am asking for all hands-on deck at this moment. I hope we can rely on your integrity, compassion, and your commitment to public service. Through immediate, collective action, you can help us to save lives in New Jersey.

With my sincere thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judith M. Persichilli".

Judith M. Persichilli, RN, BSN, MA
Commissioner