

Helping to Get and Keep America Open: Supporting State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial (STLT) Staffing Needs

National Service Resources to Support COVID-19 Contact Tracing

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), in collaboration with our AmeriCorps programs, grantees, and members, can support the efforts of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and STLT public health agencies to expand capacity for contact tracing and other COVID-19 response needs.



State Service Commissions & AmeriCorps Programs

Governor-appointed State Service Commissions administer and oversee AmeriCorps programs in their states. These state-based partners, many of which are actively engaged in their state's emergency response efforts, work with state and local public health departments to explore needs and opportunities for collaboration including:

- Redeploy or engage some of the existing AmeriCorps programs and members in the state
- Develop other or volunteer program models to meet ongoing response needs
- Identify other national service resources that could be leveraged, including AmeriCorps Disaster Response or AmeriCorps NCCC teams and AmeriCorps VISTA

AmeriCorps Disaster Response Team (ADRT) Mission Assignments

- Work with existing (ADRT) networks to support STLT public health department contact tracing needs.
- These teams are typically activated through ADRT mission assignments under a federally declared disaster at the request of state and local emergency management teams.

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) Deployments

- AmeriCorps NCCC provides surge support to STLT public health department's contact tracing efforts. The AmeriCorps NCCC teams, which typically include 6-10 young adults, deploy to a community for 8-12 weeks.

- For more information, contact your CNCS Field Office that serves your state.

AmeriCorps VISTA to Expand Capacity

- Apply for AmeriCorps VISTA members to help build the capacity of STLT public health entities to expand contact tracing capacity, particularly in low income communities, by developing volunteer recruitment and management systems, community outreach programs, and other identified needs.
- For more information, contact the CNCS Field Office that serves your state.



State Service Commission and CNCS Field Office Contact Information

State Service Commissions

- Are the state partners of the CNCS, which administer the AmeriCorps, Volunteer Generation Fund, and related programs to address critical community needs and engage citizens in service.
- Contact information:
<https://www.nationalservice.gov/about-cnccs/contact-us/state-service-commissions>

CNCS Field Offices

- CNCS has federal field offices that support national service programs, within their region or state. These federal staff can work in collaboration with State Service Commissions and STLT public health departments to leverage the full resources of the agency's national service programs.
- Contact information:
<https://www.nationalservice.gov/about/contact-us/state-offices>



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

To get and keep America open STLT must be able to quickly identify new cases, break chains of transmission, and protect first responders and healthcare workers from infection.

Staffing Resources from CDC

- CDC is using a multi-pronged approach to help enhance and complement the efforts of STLT staff. This initiative will help health departments with the staffing resources they need for their programs to get and keep America open.
- CDC’s COVID-19 Response Corps. The COVID-19 Response Corps is a nationwide community-focused initiative to provide surge staffing and resources in STLT health departments on the frontlines of the fight against COVID-19.
- In support of CDC’S COVID-19 Response Corps, the CDC Foundation is urgently recruiting candidates for critical positions nationwide. Interested parties should go to the CDC Foundation website and apply directly for positions.
- Visit our website for additional staffing resources: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/open-america/staffing.html>
- Resources for states to Get and Keep America Open: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/open-america/index.html>



Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

On March 13, 2020, the President declared a nationwide emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic for all STLT, and the District of Columbia under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

Staffing Resources from FEMA

- FEMA’s Public Assistance Program provides supplemental grants to STLT governments. Eligible applicants may request Public Assistance Program funding through the appropriate state, tribal or territorial emergency management agency. The Public Assistance Program can reimburse certain labor related expenses, subject to a non-federal cost share.
- More information may be found on FEMA’s Public Assistance Program to include program overview and policies. <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/03/19/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-eligible-emergency-protective-measures>.



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