

**Mission:**

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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**Vision:** To be the **Healthiest State** in the Nation

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## LICENSED HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS NEEDED

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As a trusted partner, the Florida Department of Health (Department) is requesting your assistance communicating an urgent message to health care practitioners. Florida needs qualified health care practitioners to support recovery efforts following the devastation of Hurricane Ian. Currently, there are over 200 shelters operating to serve displaced Floridians, and rescue efforts continue for those who did not evacuate.

Immediate assistance for affected areas is provided by first responders, health care practitioners, government groups, disaster relief organizations and affiliated volunteers who are already trained and ready to serve. It is important for health care practitioners to not self-deploy, but to instead register with trusted organizations so response efforts can be coordinated properly.

Please encourage your members to register immediately, if they are able to volunteer, with [Volunteer Florida](https://www.VolunteerFlorida.org) to ensure they are placed where the greatest needs exist.

**STEP 1:** Go to [www.VolunteerFlorida.org](https://www.VolunteerFlorida.org)

**STEP 2:** Select “Volunteer”

**STEP 3:** View volunteer opportunities posted on the page

**STEP 4:** Select “Express Interest”

**STEP 5:** Create a volunteer account or log in to an existing account

Thank you for your willingness to support the Department in response efforts to care for Floridians in need.

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