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Nursing student colleagues,

I write with a request none of us could ever have anticipated. As COVID-19 spreads throughout our state, there is an unprecedented need for persons with your talent, your skill, and also your youth.

We are working on a number of scenarios where we may need volunteers for a variety of tasks for which your unique background is of particular importance. Some possible examples:

- Collect specimens at drive-up screening stations
- Provide basic medical support (specimen collection, daily assessment) at temporary field medical facilities
- Call center support

Should you volunteer for this emergency response effort, the Commonwealth of Kentucky would:

- Deploy you in partnership with the Kentucky National Guard and/or other collaborators;
- Provide indemnification to you for medical liability and workers compensation coverage for illness or injury sustained as result of your emergency response work; and
- Provide room and board should we need to deploy you to rural areas of the state.

At this time, we need to identify willing volunteers. In partnership with the Deans of your college or university, we are sending out this solicitation to you and I will do all I am able to ensure this experience is recorded in your academic record and credited towards your clinical experience requirements.

If you are willing to volunteer, I ask that you quickly identify yourself via this link:

<https://ky.readyop.com/fs/4fDV/199d>

Thank you for your commitment to serving our fellow Kentuckians in their time of need.

As Team Kentucky, we will rise to this challenge!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Stack".

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