

## MA COVID-19 Long-term Care Staffing Portal

Dear Workforce Colleague:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts COVID-19 Command Center (Command Center) is working with COVID-19 Long-term Care Facilities (LTC) to recruit and hire health and human services professionals to care for COVID-19 patients.

To streamline this process the Command Center created a Facility Staffing Portal for healthcare professionals to apply for job opportunities at LTC/ post-acute sites across the state. The Staffing Portal can be accessed here: <https://covid19ltc.umassmed.edu/>

There is an urgent need for: Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical and Vocational Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants and Patient Care Technicians, Physical Therapists and Assistants, Occupational Therapists and Assistants, Social Workers and Activity Coordinators.

LPN, Associates Degree RN students who are in their final semester or 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> year BSN students not yet licensed are encouraged to apply as Certified Nursing Assistants/Patient Care Technicians at the post-acute sites.

PPE is provided for all workers at long-term care sites. It is anticipated that most LTC sites will be hiring for the month of April, with potential to extend for longer. Shift details will be determined with specific sites according to the health care professionals' role and availability.

There is temporary housing for workers that are unable to commute daily. Healthcare professionals should inquire about housing on the intake portal.

Volunteer opportunities are available. Volunteers should sign up at MA Responds at <https://maresponds.org/agreement.php>.

Please share this opportunity and the link <https://covid19ltc.umassmed.edu/> with your clients, program participants, students, former students, and colleagues. After completing the online intake form on the portal, candidates will receive a confirmation email and be contacted for next steps.

The Command Center is seeking to fill positions immediately. This call to action is critical to saving the lives of our neighbors, families and friends. We appreciate your assistance in helping us to find the healthcare talent needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.