

Helping in Sussex County: Covid-19 Contact Tracing and Surveillance Program

Thank you for taking time to read this communication and hope you are interested in volunteering to help the State and our community. We must have a robust testing and contact tracing program before this can be accomplished.

We had a very good meeting with Lieutenant Governor Bethany Hall Long, and it appears that the State will continue the testing our residents and almost ready to launch contact tracing program. This will be announced early this coming week. Most likely, this is how it will work:

1. Testing will be done by healthcare workers.
2. When a positive case is detected, that individual will be interviewed by a healthcare worker, and his/her Contacts will be identified.
3. Volunteer will then be given the Contact's information.
4. Volunteer will telephone the Contact to inform him/her of exposure to a person with a positive Covid19 test.
5. Volunteer will inform the Contact of the necessity of a 2-week self-quarantine.
6. Volunteer will assess what the Contact's needs will be during quarantine, e.g. housing, food, medicine.
7. Volunteer will then connect the Contact with the appropriate agency to provide needed services.
8. Volunteer will call the Contact daily to ask if any symptoms have developed (list will be provided).
9. If/when symptoms occur, Volunteer will connect Contact with medical care.

All the information and training along with backup will be provided for the Volunteer so that he/she can do their work safely and effectively. A medical background is a plus, but is not necessary.

If you are interested, please go to the Delaware State website and register to volunteer at

<https://sites.udel.edu/delawaremrc/>

1. Click "Sign Up To Volunteer".
2. Under "Select an Organization" click on Delaware Medical Reserve Corps, then Click on Sussex County.
3. Under Registration Feedback, type "I want to volunteer in the COVID19 state tracing program in Sussex County"

Thank you for your willingness to serve.
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