**ATHNA Vaccinator Clearinghouse Message**

**Potential Employers and Volunteer Organizations**

 Challenged to meet the demand for Covid-19 vaccinations? Traditional approaches inadequate? Are you looking for trained professionals to administer Covid-19 vaccinations- in your community or at your workplace?

 The American Travel Health Nurses Association (ATHNA [www.athna.org](http://www.athna.org)) will establish a **Clearinghouse** on its website starting 1/15/2021 to help meet the need for skilled vaccinators. We encourage your state or organization to post available positions on this site as one recruitment resource. You can also directly contact ATHNA members who list their availability on this site as full time or part time immunizers. If you are seeking skilled nurses to vaccinate, we encourage you to access our **Clearinghouse.**

 Now that the FDA has already approved two vaccines, the public demand for these immunizations has begun to swell. We all know that vaccines won’t halt this pandemic- only vaccinations will. Ensuring adequate vaccine supplies and proper storage will continue to be important, but now the pressing national need is for sufficient numbers of qualified vaccinators. This is *not* a typical flu season; it is an unprecedented health crisis. We should not, and cannot, depend solely on traditional administration service methods; we need bold, new solutions to rapidly protect millions of US residents against this virus.

 Travel health nurses are healthcare professionals highly qualified by education and experience to meet this need across the country. Nurses in this specialty are thoroughly trained to assess, counsel and administer the full range of routine, recommended and required vaccinations. They know well how to evaluate for potential allergies, how to educate patients about common side effects, and how to respond rapidly to any severe adverse events.

 As a profession, nursing has earned the public's trust. And while many currently employed nurses are overworked and understandably stressed by the demands of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, there is a large pool of part-time, furloughed, and retired travel health nurses available to assist the states, healthcare facilities, and other organizations to mount a massive vaccination campaign. Many RNs across the U.S. are ready to staff immunization clinics in every U.S. neighborhood.

 To post available vaccinator positions on our website or for further information about this initiative, please send an email to sweinbergRN@gmail.com

Sincerely,

The ATHNA Board of Directors and

The ATHNA Fellows

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