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4/8/2020 #1 Bent/Crowley/Otero Update: Call For Volunteers, Second Call

Please take the time to read and understand this entire message.

Hello to all. On Thursday, 4/2/2020 the Otero County Health Department (OCHD) put out a call for volunteers (please see the original message below) **IF** we need to operationalize an Alternate Care Facility (ACF) in support of the Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center (AVRMC). We have had approximately 17 responses, thanks! We do need another 15 medical volunteers (approximately), if you are able to volunteer to assist in this regard (for any amount of time on any day or days) **please call our Volunteer Manager, Carolina Cortez, at 719-928-1555.**

We are also in need CNAs, so if we can find these that would be a BIG help.

Thanks for considering this,

Rick

ORIGINAL MESSAGE

Hello to all. Out of an abundance of caution, OCHD and our partners are planning for an Alternate Care Facility (ACF) to support the Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center (AVRMC) if they are overwhelmed. Please note that I said "if", we are not there yet. I went into a bit more detail about the ACF in my update from earlier today. We have the plan in place, the site selected, and now we need people to make this happen. This is where you come in.

If you would be able to volunteer to assist in any way, for any amount of time on any day or days, please call our Volunteer Manager, Carolina Cortez, at 719-928-1555.

We are looking for volunteers from AVRMC's primary service area of Bent, Crowley, and Otero Counties. We are specifically identifying these three counties because we do not want to syphon volunteers that may be needed in other counties.

When you call (please leave a message if there is no answer), provide the following information:

- ✓ Name
- ✓ Days and times you could volunteer
- ✓ Mobile phone number
- ✓ If you are a licensed medical professional, please provide the following information
 - Medical licensure type (MD, DO, FNP, PA, RN, LPN, CNA)
 - Medical license number
 - **We absolutely need non-medical volunteers, so you do not need to be a medical professional!**

We will compile and collate this information and get back with you. We will also be screening for any high risk volunteers (age and/or chronic conditions), so Carolina will be asking you those questions to

protect you. We will not be asking you for your specific chronic disease(s), just if you have any. If you are at higher risk, we may not be able to use you, but THANKS for the volunteer spirit!

I leave you with this simple statement to ponder: "If not you, then who?" WOW, it even rhymes.

Thanks for considering this!

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