



Subject: Indiana Licensed Athletic trainers can help address medical staff shortage

We are living in unique times with the COVID-19 pandemic. As we hear about understaffed hospitals and the stressed health care systems, we want government entities and health systems to know that there are 1550+ licensed athletic trainers in Indiana that are prepared to help during these unprecedented times.

Athletic Trainers are health care professionals trained in a variety of medical competencies such as triage, intake, patient care, assessment and sterilization (see attached info-graph). As a health care administrator, you may already have athletic trainers working in your organization that could be redeployed to critical need areas. If you do not have athletic trainers in your system, the National Athletic Trainers' Association and Go4Ellis, a mobile per-diem job platform, have joined forces to connect athletic trainers with understaffed hospitals and health care systems in Indiana and throughout the United States during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Athletic trainers are skilled in the full continuum of care, from prevention and diagnosis to rehabilitation, and work alongside physicians in a host of settings – such as sports, higher education, military, industrial, performing arts and clinical. Many athletic trainers that traditionally work in the sports settings have already joined their peers in the clinical/hospital setting to provide support with testing, transport and documentation. Athletic trainers are included in the Indiana Code as licensed health care professionals in Indiana.

If you are a health care system or government health department needing additional health care staff in this COVID-19 crisis, consider athletic trainers for medical settings or COVID-19 testing sites. Contact us at <http://www.ATsReadyToHelp.com> or call 1-833-464-2827. This number is staffed 24/7 to provide support and quickly connect health administrators to athletic trainers to address staffing needs.

Thank you for your consideration of athletic trainers in your health care staffing needs!

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