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To: Nurse Administrators, ACEN Accredited Nursing Programs

From: Marcy Stoll

Date: February 1, 2021

Re: You and Your PN and RN Nursing Students Participating in COVID Immunization Efforts

I am writing you to share an opportunity for nursing faculty and practical and registered nursing students to participate in COVID immunization efforts in your communities and in doing so, help improve the COVID situation in Georgia.

As you know, the ACEN is in Atlanta and I have taken a personal interest in improving the COVID situation. I am now an active member of the [Medical Reserve Corp](#) (MRC) in my county, completed the two required FEMA courses for the MRC, registered with [serveGA](#), and completed the two required EZIZ immunization trainings. While my personal contribution will be local, I am trying to undertake efforts so the ACEN can contribute nationwide through the 1200+ ACEN accredited nursing programs becoming as involved as possible in the efforts within their communities.

**So, in that spirit let's turn to what you, your colleagues, and your students can do in your communities.**

- The ACEN supports students participating in the COVID immunization efforts; these efforts could be considered [Clinical/Practicum Learning Experiences](#) as defined in the ACEN Glossary.
- The Georgia Department of Health is the lead state-wide organization for immunization efforts and Laura Layne ([Laura.layne@dph.ga.gov](mailto:Laura.layne@dph.ga.gov)) is your point of contact to share/coordinate with the DPH regarding this unique clinical learning experience to support your communities.
- Follow the directions in the attached information entitled **“Covid-19 Mass Vaccination Site Support Requirements and Just in Time Training for Nursing Students and Faculty in Public Health Settings.”**
- The EZIZ training is primarily related to vaccination however, it does not mean that every student who participates in the vaccination efforts will be vaccinating. It will be up to local public health departments to plan the assignments and activities for each of their sites. In addition to vaccine administration, some of the other services could include patient education as well as onsite logistics.
- Ensure your program has a current written clinical agreement (MOU) with local health department(s). I also suggest you verify whether the local health department(s) your students will be working with has any other requirements besides the above.

I encourage everyone to be involved. We need to work together to stop this pandemic and unless we work together to stop this pandemic it is not going to stop. Let's combine our strengths in a unified effort to get the job done!