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Connect to Care makes it easy for health professionals to find jobs in high demand due to COVID-19 *MDHHS promotes employment website*

LANSING, MICH. As long-term care facilities look to hire additional health care workers due to demands created by COVID-19, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) promotes the Connect to Care website where health professionals can quickly and easily find and apply for jobs.

The employment website matches job seekers in the health care field with licensed long-term care facilities that need to immediately hire for long- and short-term positions, including certified nursing assistants, registered nurses and licensed practical nurses.

Long-term care facilities also need direct care workers – also known as personal care assistants, paid caregivers, home health aides, personal care aides and nursing assistants – to assist people who are sick, injured, living with physical or mental disabilities, or who cannot care for themselves.

“Long-term care facilities in Michigan faced significant staffing challenges prior to the pandemic,” said Dr. Alexis Travis, senior deputy director of the MDHHS Aging & Adult Services Agency “While we recognize there are often staffing challenges within nursing facilities, we know that support is needed now more than ever.”

Connect to Care Jobs allows licensed long-term care facilities to identify gaps in specific staffing needs they have on particular days. At the same time, health care professionals who are licensed and/or trained for the various roles needed by these facilities can register their availability and willingness to fill shifts.

To help address this need, MDHHS has partnered with ADvancing States, a national nonprofit dedicated to supporting older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers. Michigan’s departments of Labor and Economic Opportunity and Licensing and Regulatory Affairs also are partners in this project.

Visit [ConnectToCareJobs.com](https://connecttocarejobs.com). It’s easy, fast and free for job seekers to use.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://michigan.gov/Coronavirus) and [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/Coronavirus).

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