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Dear Team Kentucky Volunteer:

Thank you for volunteering to assist the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management in its efforts to combat the COVID-19 virus in the Commonwealth. As I stress every day, we will get through this State of Emergency and the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) together. Your skills and experience will be crucial in this fight.

To address any concern you may have about liability for your actions as a volunteer, please know that federal law and Kentucky law protects you from liability for any acts and omissions committed when acting within the scope of your work as a volunteer for the Commonwealth. Just as with a state employee, immunity shields you from liability for acts performed in good faith and within the scope of your authority. The federal law called the Volunteer Protection Act also protects you from liability for any acts or omissions committed during this public health emergency while you act as a volunteer medical provider. And the newly-enacted federal law called the CARES Act adds even more protection to volunteer healthcare workers rendering care in response to COVID-19.

Kentucky law also entitles you to workers' compensation benefits if you become injured in any way while working as a volunteer medical professional, including becoming ill from the effects of COVID-19, you will be entitled to workers' compensation benefits.

In short, Kentucky and federal law will protect you in your important work in treating Kentuckians in the fight against COVID-19. We greatly appreciate you being a part of Team Kentucky through volunteering to serve on the front lines of this public health emergency.

Sincerely,

Andy Beshear
Governor of Kentucky