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The U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps is a team of more than 6,100 full-time officers dedicated to promoting and advancing public health and disease prevention programs. As one of America's eight uniformed services, the USPHS Commissioned Corps fills essential public health leadership, clinical and service roles within Federal agencies and programs, including the Indian Health Service, Food and Drug Administration, National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Bureau of Prisons, Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security. The USPHS Commissioned Corps serves at the direction of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Establishment of the Ready Reserve Corps

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed into law March 27, 2020, provides both the authority and funding for the establishment of the Ready Reserve Corps. The USPHS Commissioned Corps will accept Ready Reserve Corps applications online beginning in Fall 2020 and will commission its first officers in Spring 2021.

The Ready Reserve Corps will provide trained and ready personnel to fill critical public health needs and will:

- Support the USPHS Commissioned Corps' capacity to respond to regional, national, and global health emergencies and improve access to health services
- Preserve clinical care positions by maintaining a surge capacity of health professionals available for deployment without jeopardizing the service of clinicians in hard to fill roles
- Offer an opportunity to serve for mission-driven clinical and public health professionals who cannot commit to a full-time active duty position in the USPHS Commissioned Corps
- Enable access to highly specialized skill sets that would be impractical in full-time active duty positions

The USPHS Commissioned Corps is looking for service driven individuals who work in public health and clinical settings.

If you are interested in applying, please visit www.USPHS.gov for more information.