# N.Y. and Colorado ask former healthcare workers to return to workforce

March 17 2020



Former health care workers in New York State and Colorado are being

asked to return to the workforce to help health systems under pressure due to the coronavirus pandemic.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said that having [health care facilities](link) well-staffed is "just as important" as ensuring those facilities have enough equipment and tests. Colorado Governor Jared Polis said he is "particularly concerned" about how the coronavirus will affect health care workers "who are already being put to the test," *CBS News* reported.

Former health care workers include anyone who is currently working in another occupation or is retired, but whose medical license is still active or can be reactivated, Polis said.

New York is asking former doctors and nurses to "reconnect" with their past employers to create a reserve workforce of health care professionals who are "on call" for the coronavirus response, Cuomo said.

  **More information:** *[CBS News](link)* Article

Citation: N.Y. and Colorado ask former healthcare workers to return to workforce (2020, March 17) retrieved 2 May 2024 from [https://medicalxpress.com/news/2020-03-ny-colorado-healthcare-workers-workforce.html](https://medicalxpress.com/news/2020-03-ny-colorado-healthcare-workers-workforce.html)