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Ohio National Guard medical team providing support at northeast Ohio prison

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio National Guard medical personnel have been deployed to the Trumbull Correctional Institution to assist the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

The seven-member team arrived at the facility in Leavittsburg, Ohio on Wednesday, July 1 to assist during a prison medical staffing shortage and increase in patient cases caused by COVID-19. Team members are taking temperatures, vitals, and providing other support that falls within their level of medical training.

“There’s still work to be done in order to contain this virus and protect the health and safety of our loved ones,” said Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general. “As Ohioans who have taken an oath to serve this great state, the Ohio National Guard will continue to be ready to help our fellow citizens.”

Ohio National Guard Airmen and Soldiers previously have augmented medical and guard staffing, constructed temporary housing, and taken COVID-19 sample collections at several state and federal prisons.

Since mid-March, the Ohio National Guard and Ohio Military Reserve have served their communities in a variety of ways, including supporting humanitarian efforts at 14 local food banks and regional warehouses, assisting in collection of personal protective equipment, and collaborating with regional partners to identify and develop alternate care sites to expand medical capacity.

Currently, approximately 900 Ohio National Guard members continue missions at the food banks; laboratory, logistics and warehousing support; and community sample collections at nursing facilities and pop-up testing sites across the state.

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