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Ohio National Guard deploys medical team to eastern Ohio to support Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio National Guard medical personnel are helping the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction at the Belmont Correctional Institution near St. Clairsville.

The nine-member team is assisting during a prison staffing shortage due to COVID-19. Team members are taking temperatures, vitals, and providing other support that falls within their level of medical training.

In addition to the Belmont Correctional Institution, Ohio National Guard Airmen and Soldiers continue to provide medical assistance at the Pickaway Correctional Institution in Orient, temporary housing at the Ohio Reformatory for Women in Marysville, and additional guard staffing for the Franklin Medical Center in Columbus. Mission support at the Marion Correctional Institution has been completed, as regular prison staff have returned to work and new cases of the virus have decreased among the prison population.

“The variety of our mission support demonstrates the commitment of each Guard member to all citizens of our great state,” said Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general. “They have applied the skills and expertise gained as Citizen-Soldiers and -Airmen to help in their own communities.”

During the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 900 Ohio National Guard and Ohio Military Reserve members have been serving their communities including supporting humanitarian efforts at 14 local food banks and regional warehouses, assisting in collecting personal protective equipment, and collaborating with regional partners to identify and develop alternate care sites to expand medical capacity.

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See more about the Ohio National Guard's role during the COVID-19 response:
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