April 28, 2020

Dear Colleague,

With deep appreciation and respect for your dedicated effort during the COVID-19 pandemic, I am inviting you to participate in a confidential online survey to assess the health impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the New York State health care workforce. The study is being conducted by a consortium of NY universities and institutions, including Columbia University, NYU, CUNY Public Health, Hunter College, and the New York State Psychiatric Institute. Your identifiable data will be held by the university researchers and will not be shared with anyone. Participant responses are anonymous; research data are archived without any identifiable information, and contact information is held separately.

Immediate findings from their research will be shared with the policy, practice, and research communities within 7 days of data collection, so that it may be useful to the health workforce and to our ongoing COVID-19 response planning.

The survey will provide important insights to understand how to best address the needs of healthcare personnel who are on the front lines and shouldering critical responsibilities in the face of great personal risk. Additionally, the research team wants to hear from all healthcare personnel, even if you are not presently deployed on the front lines of the COVID-19 response.

Participation is completely voluntary and confidential. If you choose to participate, the questionnaire will take approximately 10 minutes.

To learn more about the study and to participate, please click on the link below:

https://redcap.nyspi.org/surveys/?s=NXN7CHK3TW

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Howard Zucker, M.D., J.D.
Commissioner of Health