



# PHERS || Public Health Emergency Response Strike Team >

The **Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS)** is one of the nation's eight uniformed services which is committed to the service of health and is comprised of two main components: full-time active duty officers and reservists.

The **Public Health Emergency Response Strike Team (PHERST)** is a newly-created subset of active duty Public Health Service officers who rapidly deploy as first responders to regional, national, and global public health emergencies.

## What We Do

PHERST officers work alongside active duty Regular Corps officers, rapidly responding to regional, national and global health emergencies and improving access to health services. When not deployed, PHERST officers train, maintain skills, and fill short-term staffing gaps in priority agencies, providing public health and direct clinical care to underserved and vulnerable populations.



## How We Train & Deploy

PHERST officers are required to complete all Readiness and Deployment and specialized Department of Defense training. PHERST officers are "first on the ground" to respond; available to deploy immediately (within 8 hours) at the request of the President, the Secretary of Health, the Assistant Secretary for Health, or the Surgeon General.

## Who We Need

We are seeking mission-driven individuals with advanced clinical skills who desire to serve in public health programs and clinical settings. High-demand specialties include physicians and PAs, registered nurses and nurse practitioners, behavioral health providers, pharmacists, and environmental health officers.



## Why Join?

Become a part of an elite group – "America's Health Responders" – serving through rapid deployment. Competitive benefits are offered, including comprehensive health care, continuing education credits, paid maternity leave, and housing allowance. Select bonuses are also offered.