

Analyzing Health Care Professions Student Survey Responses to Volunteering During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Purpose:

The Chicago Homelessness and Health Response Group for Equity (CHHRGE) provided volunteer opportunities to health care professions students across Chicago to allow them to support and address the needs of the homeless and similar communities at risk for COVID-19. The purpose of this study was to determine volunteers' motivations, roles, and takeaways.

Methods:

An online survey was created, posted on social media, and emailed to volunteers to anonymously complete regarding their participation.

Acknowledgements:

CHHRGE Volunteers & Family Medicine Leadership Program

Results:

Response Rate: 35/666

3 Chicago Universities

5 Degree Programs

Total Volunteering Hours:

596 hrs in-person

489 hrs virtually

Conclusions:

Health care professions students can provide meaningful support during a pandemic to support homeless and at risk communities.

Limitations:

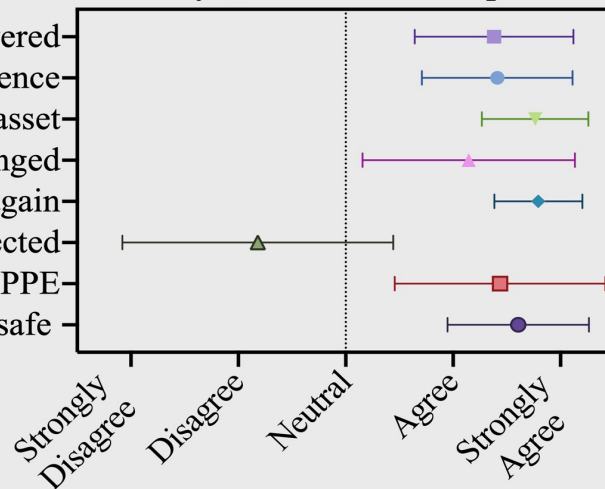
- Low response rate
- Self selection bias

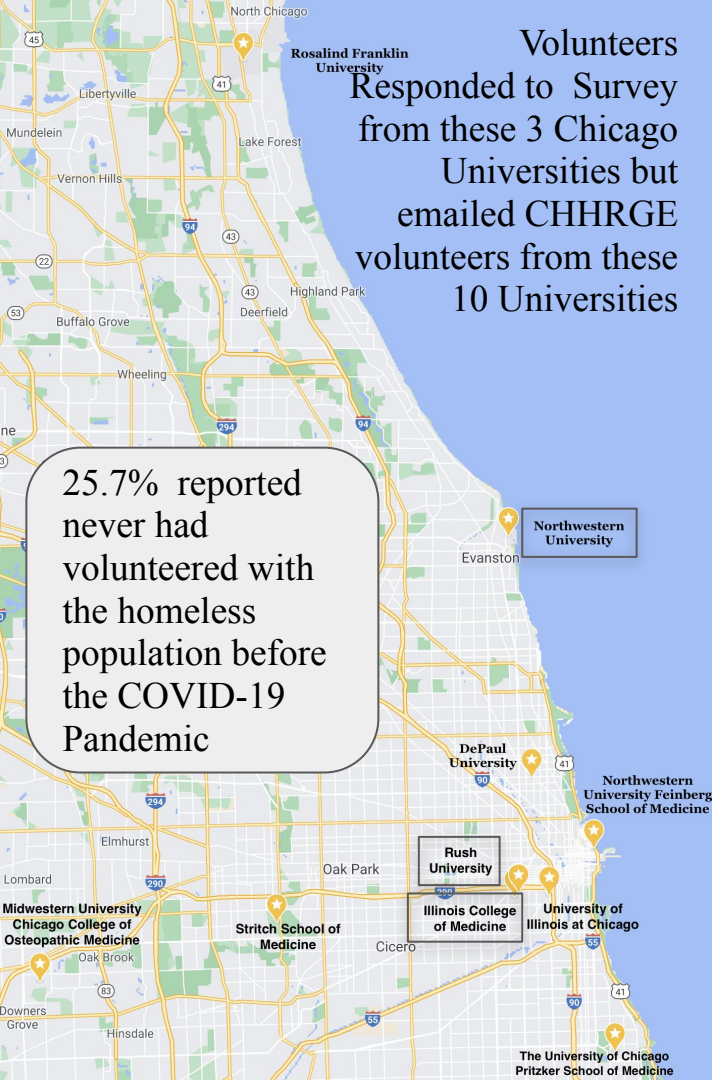


I felt empowered
 I felt I was making a meaningful difference
 Students can be a meaningful asset
 My view on my role as a student has changed
 I would volunteer again
 I had a fear of becoming infected
 I was provided adequate PPE
 I felt safe



Survey Questions and Responses





Degree Programs:

- ☐ MD - 23
- ☐ Masters - 5
- ☐ Nursing - 3
- ☐ PA - 2
- ☐ PHD - 1
- ☐ Not a Student - 1

Top 3 Motivations to volunteer:

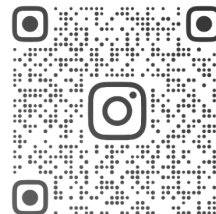
- ☐ Wanted to help during the pandemic - 25.2%
- ☐ Wanted to help the homeless population - 22.8%
- ☐ Wanted to make a difference 18.1%

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Volunteer Opportunities:

In Person:

- ☐ COVID-19 Screening & Testing
- ☐ PPE, clothing, & food distributions
- ☐ Shelter Enrichment Activities
- ☐ Pharmacy & Supply Runs
- ☐ Building hygiene care packages
- ☐ COVID-19 Isolation Site Flyer Distribution

Virtual:

- ☐ COVID-19 and Vaccine Education
- ☐ Shelter COVID-19 Risk Assessment
- ☐ Calling Health Clinics and Testing locations regarding COVID-19 Isolation Site
- ☐ Social Media Advertising for donation drives
- ☐ CHHRGE student leadership team