

# Vets/Techs needed for NYC hospitals

We have a request from the NYC Office of the the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) for veterinarians and technicians to help with mortuary operations. They are particularly seeking veterinary staff because of their familiarity with the deceased and bereaved.

## Steps to Volunteer in NYC as Mortuary Staff:

1. Go here: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/helpnownyc/give-help/volunteer.page>
2. Under "Healthcare Volunteers," complete both Step 1 and Step 2, indicating that you are volunteering to serve as mortuary staff where applicable
3. Once you complete the above, you will then have access to the Samaritan portal where you will be able to see available opportunities based on your skill set. You can sign up for positions here.

For questions, you may call 718-422-3001 to reach the staffing hotline.

Details from the NYC Office of Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) regarding this role:

- Personnel do not need to be certified or licensed mortuary technicians
- Body handlers will be requested to ensure decedents are properly tagged and packaged for placement in refrigerated storage
- Body Handlers will work in teams to transfer packaged decedents to storage unit
- Personnel should be strong, willing, and able to lift decedents
- Ensure that the remains are stored in an appropriate manner while working to maximize capacity of the units
- Maintain a current inventory/manifest of all storage units
- Ensure that all operations are conducted in a safe and respectful manner
- Will be provided just-in-time training at the hospital they are serving and PPE