

# Press Release

## Formation of the Eritrean Health Taskforce of DC, Maryland and Virginia (DMV)

In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Eritrean Bayto DMV Unity Taskforce reached out to the Eritrean Health professionals residing in the DMV Metropolitan Area and the response was not only instant but also overwhelming.

As Eritreans we all felt proud and encouraged when our health professionals stood up and came to the front line to provide what it takes to prevent our people from becoming victim of the relatively new virus that is storming the entire world.

The virus perceived to be appeared first in China is spreading like a bush fire to all countries including the United States, in such particular instance, globalization had worked to our detriment and as it has already arrived home something has to be done to mitigate the risk of being infected and untimely death.

It is in this light the Eritrean Health Taskforce of DMV was officially established on March 20, 2020 to tackle the challenge at hand by providing timely and accurate information in the languages our people can commonly understand. The Eritrean Health Taskforce of DMV has organized itself in three Committees namely, Medical Committee, Social and Community Outreach Committee and Communications Committee and by unanimous decision elected committee leads. The Health Task Force will work on how best it will reach our people and will come up with its plan of action to inform, educate, support and to advocate for the Eritrean community. This responsible and timely response of our health professional will benefit not only our community in the DMV area but also to all Eritreans.

The Eritrean Bayto DMV Unity Taskforce would like to take this opportunity to thank all Health Professionals who volunteered to be on their people's side and offer whatever they can to save lives and calls on other healthcare professionals ,social workers and people with communication skills to join the various committees in this urgent task to support the Eritrean community.

The Eritrean Bayto DMV Unity Taskforce has realized that Eritrea has men and women ready to help their people at times of need and similar initiatives will be taken to organize other professions to address other needs of our community. We have full resources in every profession and the only thing we need is unity and a strong institution – such as the Eritrean Bayto DMV which is in its making!

Full Health to our Community and all Humanity!

Eritrean Bayto DMV Unity Taskforce  
March 20, 2020