



# HS Intro to Public Services

**Wednesday, April 14, 2020**



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Overall Lesson: **The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Public Services sector**

Sub lesson for Wednesday, April 14: Pandemic Impact - Leadership Pathway - National Guard & U.S. Navy

### **Objective/Learning Target:**

Students will be able to identify and explain the role of the National Guard in a pandemic response and how the U.S. Navy is assisting states



## Background Information

One pathway in the Public Services Academy is Leadership. Careers in this pathway include military careers like Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard and the newly formed Space Force. Today, we will examine the role that the branches of the military play in a pandemic response.



## Warm Up/Bellringer

Using what you've seen or heard about the COVID-19 pandemic, think about the answers to these questions:

1. What role does the National Guard play in this pandemic?
2. How are the other branches of the military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines) assisting during this pandemic?



## Lesson/Activity #1

Watch this [video](#) from Governor Parson from March 27, 2020, where the Missouri National Guard is activated.

1. Since the Missouri National Guard is activated, does that mean Missouri is under Martial Law?
2. What role does the Missouri National Guard play in this pandemic?
3. What is the motto of the Missouri National Guard?
4. What are some ways that the Missouri National Guard might be helping with this pandemic outbreak?



# Lesson/Activity #1 - ANSWERS

Did you catch all of these answers?

1. Since the Missouri National Guard is activated, does that mean Missouri is under Martial Law? **No.**
2. What role does the Missouri National Guard play in this pandemic? **They support civil authorities as directed by the governor of this state.**
3. What is the motto of the Missouri National Guard? **“We train, fight and win while taking care of each other as one team.”**
4. What are some ways that the Missouri National Guard might be helping with this pandemic outbreak? **Examples include setting up community-based testing sites, providing interstate transportation of personnel and equipment, and logistical support as needed.**



## Lesson/Activity #2

Watch this three minute [video](#) about the USNS Comfort that arrived in New York City on March 30, 2020.

1. What military branch works on this ship?
2. How is this ship helping with coronavirus if they're not taking COVID-19 patients?
3. How many beds do they have for patients?
4. There are 1,000 crew members on the ship. Are they mostly military or civilian medical professionals?



## ANSWERS/Check for Understanding

Did you catch all of these answers?

1. What military branch works on this ship? **United States Navy**
2. How is this ship helping with coronavirus if they're not taking COVID-19 patients? **This ship will take patients who are NOT infected so that the hospitals in New York can focus on the COVID-19 patients.**
3. How many beds do they have for patients? **1,000**
4. There are 1,000 crew members on the ship. Are they mostly military or civilian medical professionals? **Military**





## Lesson/Activity #3

Most of the crew members on the USNS Comfort are military. Did you know that you can get training to be a medical professional if you joined the Navy? What other careers can you sign up for in the Navy? Check out [navy.com/careers](https://www.navy.com/careers) to find out what other careers the Navy offers.



## Additional Practices/Resources

1. [Video](#) over the USNS Mercy that shows you what it looks like INSIDE the ship.
2. [Mercy and Comfort: A History of Hospital Ships](#)
3. [The US Navy's hospital ships in the COVID-19 fight badly need replacing](#)
4. Meet the [Missouri National Guard](#).
5. [MO Guard TV](#). This longer video shows some of the work that the Missouri National Guard does when they are activated.