

## Security alert: E-mails impersonating AMA presidents

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The American Medical Association (AMA) recently became aware of fraudulent email solicitations that impersonate current AMA President, Dr. Susan Bailey, and past AMA President, Dr. Patrice Harris. The email solicitations, which fraudulently used the AMA name, were sent to foreign doctors and nurses as a call to apply for healthcare positions in the United States to treat COVID-19 cases. The initial communications were sent from an account named “health ministry” (healthworkers@usa.com), and other fraudulent email addresses used include: uscdcp@aol.com, usantiterrorismunit@aol.com, and immigrationservice@usa.com.

A copy of the email solicitation appears below. Please be cautious in opening and responding to communications appearing to be from the AMA with the same or similar solicitation message.

### —Start of email solicitation—

**From:** health ministry <healthworkers@usa.com>

**To:**

**Sent:** Sunday, January 10, 2021, 01:55:26 PM CST

**Subject:** American Medical Association | AMA Foreign Doctors and nurses needed to Help Fight Coronavirus.

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Foreign Doctors and nurses needed to Help Fight Coronavirus.

Kindly apply if you are qualified for the categories, selected doctors and nurses will be scheduled to start working in the hospitals at the beginning of 2021. new physician work in hospitals under the supervision of senior staff.

But under the travel restrictions imposed by President Trump to help prevent new exposure to the virus, new measure will be taken by the incoming president Joe Biden to help selected doctors and nurses travel to the united states from without problems.

American Medical Association is trying to speed up the import of qualified foreign health care workers, many of whom have been waiting years for permission to enter the United States.

The State Department issued guidance late last year calling for foreign medical professionals with approved certificates to apply for the offer. As America aims to start vaccination

A few states that are facing major outbreaks have issued executive orders that allow all qualified foreign health care workers outside the US to seize this opportunity. New Jersey, for example, is granting temporary licenses to doctors and nurses.

The bureau had said an additional 203,700 nurses and doctors would be needed each year to fill new positions and replace retiring workers.

Meanwhile, hospitals in New York, New Orleans and elsewhere have been overwhelmed with patients, a backlog that sometimes forces people to wait hours to be admitted or to be sent home, potentially with life-threatening consequences.

Interested candidates with these requirements can apply. Application forms are attached herewith.

- Has a foreign license that is authentic and unencumbered;
- Graduated from certain English language nursing programs;
- Six passport size photos;
- Valid passport copy.

Regards,

Dr Susan Bailey.

AMA President

*Phone +1 510 722 7412*

**—End of email solicitation—**

The AMA takes privacy seriously and regularly monitors for unusual or suspicious activity. The fraudulent activity described above has been reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The following cybersecurity tips are provided with your safety and privacy in mind:

- Never share your personal username or password, passport number, national identity card number, or any other highly personal information in response to an email request. The AMA will never ask individuals for such information to be provided over email.
- Be cautious in opening communications received from any organization. Carefully examine the email address, URL, and spelling used in any correspondence. Scammers use slight variances to deceive and gain your trust. For example, our website is [ama-assn.org](http://ama-assn.org); however, you might see bogus addresses, such as [amassn.org](http://amassn.org), [ama-assn.com](http://ama-assn.com), or some other variation.
- When in doubt, contact the AMA directly via our contact form to confirm whether or not the email is legitimate. Do not reply to the email.

The above tips are provided as guidance and not intended to be an exhaustive list of protections. The AMA has curated resources and additional tips for physicians and health care staff to protect patient records and other data from cyberattacks. To learn more, go [here](#).