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TO THE PEOPLE OF SAN FRANCISCO:

The epidemic of influenza is on the wane. But it has not yet passed.

There is still much acute suffering in our city and great need of volunteer help for those who can not help themselves. Men and women willing and free for a few days to serve in the name of pity and for the public good are asked to come forward and offer themselves for service in the homes of influenza and pneumonia victims.

There is some danger in this service. It is not as great, by no means as great, as may be generally supposed. Faithfully constant wearing of the mask gives almost, if not quite, positive protection.

The requirements upon those who volunteer are robust health, good common sense, and a will to serve.

I am advised of the need of these volunteers by the Board of Public Health which has so skillfully directed the fight against the epidemic. The authorities of the Red Cross second the call of the Board of Health.

Therefore, I, as Mayor, respectfully call for such volunteers, men and women, as desire to offer their services for the care of influenza patients in the homes of those patients and request them to report for duty at the special Influenza Headquarters of the Red Cross, at 1030 Mission street.

JAMES ROLPH, JR.,

MAYOR.

San Francisco, November 2, 1918.

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