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Another group of front-line professionals receives far less attention yet is no less essential — and has made no smaller sacrifice in this fight. **Social workers** have been finding shelter for homeless covid patients, providing treatment for people with addiction disorders made more challenging by pandemic-related social isolation, and comforting bereaved family members who have lost loved ones to the twin epidemics of covid and opioids.

Pam Roberts is a member:

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Pam Roberts, LCSW, is a licensed clinical social worker. In her private practice, she primarily treats children and adolescents who have experienced some form of relational or complex trauma, many of whom also struggle with developmental challenges such as autism. She earned her Master of Social Work at UNLV. She tells FOX5 that adults and high school students have approached her today anxious about the mask mandate being dropped.

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“If it's out of anxiety and fear that when I need this, I won't be able to get it, it's a valid fear,” **Laurah Pastel Shames, a clinical social worker in Miami**, told WPTV in West Palm Beach, Fla. That's especially true “when we are kind of used to going to the supermarket and realizing the things that were easily able to be picked up are now a lot more difficult to find,” she said.