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As a group of health-care providers and leaders, our goal is simple with this letter: to encourage you to take action to significantly increase the number of people who wear masks, social distance when possible and practice good hand hygiene as the pandemic continues. Maintaining these simple steps would not only help to keep our families, friends, and communities as safe as possible, they also protect the economy.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have urged people to protect themselves, their neighbors, and their loved ones amidst the worst global health crisis in generations. We sincerely appreciate those who have done their part. We are now experiencing rising rates of infections and hospitalizations that are stretching our resources.

Therefore, we are urging you to take action to protect citizens' health and follow the simple steps we know will help stop the spread of this virus. We thank those leaders who already have taken action to encourage behaviors that help reduce the spread of disease. Your actions are critical to slowing the spread of COVID-19.

With a vaccine on the horizon, we cannot let down our guard. We must all remain vigilant and continue taking the necessary steps to mitigate the spread of the virus to protect each other, our loved ones, our economy and our communities. There is only one way we will get through this – together.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our request during this historic and uncertain time. Your partners in health,

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