

July 15, 2020

The Honorable Mike Pence
The White House
Office of the Vice President
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Vice President Pence:

During a national public health emergency, it is vital that we lead with science and with the best data available. Our continued response to and successful recovery from the COVID-19 crisis depends on adherence to sound scientific and public health guidance from the experts, including Dr. Anthony Fauci, who have made the health and safety of the public the top priority.

As organizations representing thousands of researchers, public health professionals, health care providers and others serving in scientific and health care professional fields, we object to any attempt to cast doubt on science and sow mistrust for public health expertise, and to spread misinformation during this challenging time for all Americans. Such efforts not only put the health of our population in greater peril, but also undermine the work underway to move our country beyond the pandemic and return to normalcy.

SARS-CoV-2 is a novel virus and COVID-19 is a new condition with which we have no prior experience. As is the case with any new pathogen or disease, we are learning in real time. Public health and medicine are inherently dynamic fields that adapt as the science evolves. We have embarked on an unprecedented global effort to develop medical countermeasures and refine public health guidance, and as this work uncovers new knowledge, recommendations can and will change. By heeding the recommendations of those who are on the front lines of progress to combat this virus, we have the best chance at a successful outcome.

Sincerely,

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African American Health Alliance

AIDS Action Baltimore

AIDS Alabama

AIDS Foundation Chicago

AIDS United

American Academy of HIV Medicine
American Association for Anatomy
American Association for Dental Research
American Association for Respiratory Care
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Immunologists
American Association of Physics Teachers
American College of Nuclear Medicine (ACNM)
American Crystallographic Association
American Institute of Biological Sciences
American Medical Technologists
American Physiological Society
American Public Health Association
American Society for Cell Biology
American Society for Clinical Pathology
American Society for Gravitational and Space Research
American Society for Investigative Pathology
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society for Virology
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
American Sociological Association
American Statistical Association
American Thoracic Society
American Urological Association
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology

Association for Psychological Science
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
Association of Public Health Laboratories
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
AVAC
Baruch S. Blumberg Institute
Big Cities Health Coalition
Biophysical Society
Black AIDS Institute
Cascade AIDS Project
Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation
Coalition for the Life Sciences
Consortium of Universities for Global Health
Council of Scientific Society Presidents
Cure HHT
Endocrine Society
Entomological Society of America
Federation of American Scientists
Genetics Society of America
HealthHIV
Hepatitis B Foundation
HIV Medicine Association
IAVI
Infectious Diseases Society of America
Institute for Systems Biology
Institute of Food Technologists
Institute of Mathematical Statistics

International Association of Providers of AIDS Care
International Society for Stem Cell Research
IRMA - International Rectal Microbicide Advocates
Jeffrey Modell Foundation
Latinos Salud
LUNgevity Foundation
NASTAD
National Association of County and City Health Officials
National Association of School Nurses
National Coalition for LGBT Health
Natural Science Collections Alliance
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
North American Vascular Biology Organization
North Carolina AIDS Action Network
Pan American Society for Clinical Virology
Positive Women's Network-USA
Prevention Institute
Safe States Alliance
San Francisco AIDS Foundation
Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (SIDP)
Society of Toxicology
STChealth LLC
The AIDS Institute
The Histochemical Society
The Well Project

Treatment Action Group

Trust for America's Health

Vaccinate Your Family

Washington State Department of Health

WVU Health Sciences Center