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I write this in the midst of an unprecedented national health emergency and global crisis resulting from the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic.

“Unprecedented” is a word that is being used a lot lately, and we don’t know the full scope of the pandemic in terms of lost lives, impaired health status, and transformation of the US healthcare landscape. At the same time, those affected by the coronavirus will benefit from a well-trained healthcare workforce, a robust biomedical research environment, and dedicated public health professionals whose efforts toward treating, mitigating, and closing down the pandemic will ultimately be successful.

WSUGME is sending residents, faculty, and program staff weekly email updates about GME current policies and resources related to the pandemic. This information will also be found on the New Innovations Notice Board, which can be accessed by all residents.

Faculty and hospital administrators have kept me aware of the excellent level of medical care and professionalism demonstrated by our residents in all our clinical training sites, which is both gratifying and not surprising. The Michigan Academy of Family Physicians has recognized some of our residents’ dedication as frontline responders (click [here](#) for a recent story on the MAFP website).

Let me express my admiration and appreciation of your dedication during this trying time.

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