

COVID-19: Sign Up for the Fight

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Yesterday, we wrote to you all expressing the need for all of us to come together, that the fight we face is much larger than any of us individually. In response, we have been awed by the positive reactions and offers to help in any way possible. While not surprising, these responses have been reaffirming and uplifting.

The Governor and other elected leaders have stated that this is “a new war that no one has seen before.” We agree—and we must act accordingly.

So today, we are asking everyone whose work isn’t already mission-critical to this crisis to sign up and join the fight.

There are endless types of roles to fill and we need everyone. We have already signed up and are ready to do whatever is needed and whatever is asked of us.

Sign up [here](#).

To be clear, we know that so many of you are already working above and beyond on critical tasks. We can’t tell you how grateful and proud we are for all that you are doing, and we need many of you to remain focused on your existing roles.

But we also know that there are those whose workload has diminished because of the cancellation of elective surgeries and nonessential ambulatory visits, as well as others who are able to do more to help in the fight against COVID-19 at this critical time. We need to reassign you to where you can do the most good.

Even those who cannot leave their homes will be able to help remotely. There is more work that we can handle, and we need all hands on deck. We would not be asking if it were not vital to our fight.

We know that we are asking a lot, but these are unique times. The world is counting on us to dig deeply and find different ways to help. Throughout our country’s and our hospitals’ history, our men and women have risen to the greatest challenges. We have always overcome obstacles, beaten the odds, and delivered for our communities.

Now is another of those times. We need to hear from you. We need you to help your colleagues. We need you to help our city and state. And now more than ever, we need you to pitch in and commit to this fight against COVID-19. Because every bit of extra effort will ultimately save lives.

Again, you can sign up [here](#).

Ken and Dennis