



Subject: Medical Alley Association Response to COVID-19

To Our Members,

It cannot be said enough: Thank you for the incredible work you are doing to transform healthcare in the midst of the most challenging conditions of our lifetime.

When Minnesota's first stay-at-home order was announced in March, being in largely the same position at the end of July felt unthinkable, yet here we are, still navigating childcare shutdowns, being separated from loved ones, and wondering when things will feel normal again.

That desire for normalcy and a return to something more familiar is why we believe in the importance of wearing masks in indoor public places and outdoors when social distancing isn't possible. We have heard from many of the leaders within our membership that this will help materially decrease the spread of the virus, buying more time for therapeutics to be developed and a vaccine to be created and mass produced. This is a step we believe is worth taking.

We continue to work with divisions across the state of Minnesota to advance the best solutions and policies based on what we are hearing from you. We are also engaged with the legislators both within the special sessions and outside of them to help policymakers understand how best to integrate the state-of-the-art research coming from Medical Alley companies into their work.

Healthcare will never be the same. Every day, our community rises to the challenge of bringing the future of healthcare forward despite the circumstances. It is an honor to support your work and if there is anything I or the Association can do to be more useful to you, please do not hesitate to let us know!

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The Medical Alley Association