

July 30, 2020

The Honorable Alex Azar  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
200 Independence Ave, SW  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Azar:

We, the undersigned organizations, thank you for renewing the public health emergency (PHE) declaration as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic for another 90 days. Together we represent millions of individuals working to address the unprecedented challenges the pandemic has presented to our society, our healthcare system, and our economy.

As you know, this renewal means that the federal government can continue to deploy all resources and authorities necessary to protect the public and assist states and localities as they continue to respond to this urgent situation. We cannot afford to ease up on our response to this grave threat as the number of SARS-CoV-2 infections continues to rise at an alarming rate across the country. By maintaining the PHE status, we can facilitate coordination and collaboration across and amongst federal agencies and with state and local authorities, increase the pace of research on SARS-CoV-2, accelerate development and approval of medical countermeasures and novel diagnostics, and ensure that individuals, particularly those who are in the most vulnerable communities, have access to myriad necessary health care and other social services.

We remain committed to working with you, the Administration, and Congress to meet the continued needs of the American public and move our nation through and beyond this pandemic. Please contact Allen Segal, the American Society for Microbiology's Director of Policy and Advocacy, at [asegal@asmusa.org](mailto:asegal@asmusa.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,

African American Health Alliance  
AIDS United  
American Association for Clinical Chemistry  
American Association for Respiratory Care  
American Association for the Advancement of Science  
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases  
American Association of Bioanalysts  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association on Health and Disability  
American Clinical Laboratory Association  
American Clinical Neurophysiology Society  
American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP)  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American Dental Hygienists' Association  
American Lung Association  
American Medical Technologists  
American Optometric Association

American Osteopathic Association  
American Public Health Association  
American Society for Clinical Pathology  
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 Nephrology  
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology  
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
Association for Molecular Pathology  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology  
Association of American Cancer Institutes  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges  
Association of Black Cardiologists  
Association of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Public Health Laboratories  
Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
Beckman Coulter  
Big Cities Health Coalition  
BioFire Diagnostics, LLC  
Ceres Community Project  
Children's Environmental Health Network  
College of American Pathologists  
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
CUGH  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
Endocrine Society  
Epilepsy Alliance America  
Epilepsy Foundation  
GenMark Diagnostics  
Health Leadership Legacy Project  
Hepatitis B Foundation  
HIV Medicine Association  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
Int'l Safety Equipment Assn  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Luminex Corporation  
Multipurpose Senior Services Program  
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of School Nurses

National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials  
National Athletic Trainers' Association  
National Black Nurses Association  
National Independent Laboratory Association  
National Safety Council  
North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition  
Prevent Blindness  
Prevention Institute  
Quantitative Health  
Research!America  
Safe States Alliance  
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society for Women's Health Research  
Society of General Internal Medicine  
Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists  
STChealth LLC  
Tennessee Justice Center  
The Family Resource Network  
The Foundation for Sustainable Communities  
The Gerontological Society of America  
Trust for America's Health  
UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health  
Washington State Department of Health  
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