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IMIA COVID-19 Task Force™ Statement

Unfortunately, the nation is in the grips of the intense second wave of the coronavirus Pandemic. As of today, November 20, 2020 all counties in the United States have had at least one positive COVID 19 case.

The IMIA COVID 19 Task Force wants to acknowledge the difficulties and impacts members are going through with this second wave of the pandemic. We want to remind members that appropriate hand washing and hygiene, as well as observing social distancing and mask mandates, are the key to overcome this virus until a vaccine is available. Please be cautious during the holidays with family gatherings. Maintain social distancing and continued mask wearing as it can prevent you from getting the virus as much as preventing you from exposing others to it.

Dr. Anthony Fauci stated this week that “Help is on the way, but it isn’t here yet”. Please keep following all recommended CDC and State Health Department Guidance to get us through this second wave. Remember that personal protective equipment is essential if you are working medical interpretation on the front lines! The IMIA COVID 19 Task Force is working diligently behind the scenes to educate and inform members best practices and links to personal and professional success.

There is extreme mental, emotional, and fiscal stress that members and workers are trying to navigate. The IMIA COVID 19 Task Force has provided links below to help with information regarding mental, emotional, and fiscal stressors that this pandemic has brought on.

[NAMI COVID-19 Resource and Information Guide](#)

[Coping with Stress \(CDC\)](#)

[COVID-19 Financial Support Fund \(PAN Foundation\)](#)

The IMIA will continue to support its members during these difficult times, with hope that together we can reach the “new normal” in health and safety.

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