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Dear colleagues,

As a follow-up to my email last week, I want to share our ongoing efforts to ensure you have the latest information you need during the COVID-19 outbreak to prepare your practice and assist your patients.

As more is being learned about COVID-19, the AAFP has a team that’s monitoring the situation and posting all relevant updates on our dedicated COVID-19 resource on AAFP.org. There is a lot of evolving, and sometimes inaccurate, information about the situation, but you can be confident that this page contains the most recent information you need that is aligned with the CDC and focused squarely on family medicine. Here are some of the new resources you may find valuable:

- We know that office preparedness is one of your key concerns, so today we launched an office preparedness checklist that you will find on our COVID-19 page.
- We recently created the COVID-19 Rapid Response Member Exchange community to offer members, AAFP staff and chapter staff a place to have real-time conversations, ask questions and share information. If you haven’t already, I encourage you to join the community and participate as you feel appropriate.
- The COVID-19 page on Familydoctor.org has been updated with the latest evidence-based information for patients. You can confidently refer your patients here for advice on prevention, education about symptoms and more.

In light of the coronavirus funding bill that Congress recently passed, we know that telehealth is an area you may have questions about. AAFP is actively tracking the telehealth provision in the congressional funding package and will provide regular updates through the resources mentioned in this email.

Please continue to check these resources to stay on top of our frequent updates, and look for additional emails from us about the COVID-19 outbreak as appropriate.

Sincerely,

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