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**Subject:** Re: Dr. Anthony Fauci & Avi Schiffman/The Webby Awards

Hi Courtney,

This would be a pre-recorded message with Dr Fauci solo. He would set up Avi's award and help to celebrate his Webby moment for him. Avi will be sending us his 5 word Webby speech which will then follow Dr. Fauci's intro. Below is a draft of the introduction for him, let us know if he would like to make any edits/changes. I've also attached the format for taping on his phone/computer. Please let me know if you need any additional information and hoping we can make it work.

Thank you so much

Best

Lesley

**DR. FAUCI:**

I'm Dr. Anthony Fauci. Unfortunately, you've seen a lot of me lately. But thankfully, I'm here to present some good news and I'm excited for the opportunity to shine some light on one of the many young people who have stepped up and helped us throughout a difficult time.

The 24th Annual Webby Awards would like to honor Avi Schiffmann as the 2020 Person of the Year to recognize his creation of [ncov2019.live](https://ncov2019.live) to track the spread of COVID-19 across the world.

As we collectively navigate the severe impact of COVID-19, including the difficult, but critical calls for nationwide social distancing, the Internet has become the lifeblood of people looking for accurate information about the novel coronavirus and the necessary steps to combat it.

Since launching the site on December 29th, Schiffmann's tracking tool has been an invaluable resource that sounded the alarm on the virus and its spread, notably calling attention to its severity long before many global officials.

At a time when the spread of misinformation can be so detrimental to our efforts, the site has provided over 600 million visitors with accurate real-time data. Schiffmann has helped people around the globe understand COVID-19 and the necessity of upgrades to current health care systems and the importance of measures to flatten the curve.

For having the foresight to track the global spread of COVID-19 and for creating an essential website to provide real-time data about the virus to people everywhere, it is my great privilege to honor Avi Schiffmann as the 2020 Webby Person of the Year.