

Again, we are grateful and excited that we have the opportunity to work together.

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Dear Dr. Suzuki –

I hope this finds you in good health and expect that you are deeply involved in the events of coronavirus in your region. I understand from various communications with the MHLW that is considering ending the quarantine early and releasing passengers from the Diamond Princess, especially those who are 80 years of age or older. Given the media reports and public perception there is pressure to do this. However, as medical experts, you and I both know that days 3 – 8 are within the normal incubation period and these new positives do not likely represent shipboard transmission. As such, HHS is willing to coordinate U.S. medical experts who can engage with English language media explaining and reassuring the passengers, crew, and public.

Regarding support for the quarantine, ASPR is ready to deploy a team of 3-5 people quickly, and as many as 12 people to Japan to support as suggested in the previous call. If we can assist you and your team in managing the Americans currently in quarantine please let me know. If there is other support do let me know and ASPR will work to assist. As we've talked for the past 18 months about such a scenario, this may not be the one we envisioned, but it is a perfect case as we can clearly identify the Americans, they are in a contained area. Our mutual efforts and planning have paid unexpected dividends.

I am available to discuss via teleconference at your convenience. I am grateful for all MHLW has done to support this complicated response on top of your work supporting repatriation and domestic monitoring of your own citizens. We are grateful for Dr. Sugihara's herculean information sharing efforts and the rest of your MHLW team support during this event; it