

**From:** Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
**Sent:** Fri, 20 Mar 2020 03:01:09 +0000  
**To:** Besser, Richard  
**Subject:** RE: Checking in

Rich:

Thanks for the note. Much appreciated. I hope that all is well with you.  
Best regards,  
Tony

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**From:** Besser, Richard <rbesser@rwjf.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2020 3:59 PM  
**To:** Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E] <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** Checking in

Hi Tony:

I hope you are well. I want to applaud you and thank you for your incredible leadership in communicating about this pandemic. I wish CDC were standing with you but I know that is not likely to happen. I hope that you will continue to talk about all that is being done to learn what works to mitigate the impact of the pandemic. Your absence these two days has been quite noticeable. If there is anything I can do to support you, please let me know.

Best regards,

Rich

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