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**To:** Alecia Siuta;Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]  
**Subject:** RE: Thank you and how can I help? From the wife of a hospitalist

Dr. Fauci asked me to thank you for your note.

Best,

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Subject: Thank you and how can I help? From the wife of a hospitalist

Dr. Fauci,

Thank you so much for being the honest, clear minded medical leader that our country needs right now. You are doing a superb job handling this difficult situation. My (b) (6) a hospitalist in State College, PA is on the front lines of this impending crisis in our community (he is (b) (6) and also works clinically for both internal medicine and pediatrics).

I appreciate the clear and easy to understand campaign to the general public to "flatten the curve" and slow the inevitable spread so that we don't overwhelm the medical community's capacity to care for the seriously ill. I suggest that to add to this campaign (especially given the serious lack of testing; currently he is waiting 4-7 days for test results for hospitalized suspected covid-19 patients) that you make it clear to the American public that they should NOT go to their doctor/hospital/urgent care and instead stay at home, isolate themselves, and make a phone call to their doctor's office or some sort of dept of health hotline.

If everyone with mild/moderate symptoms (and their immediate contacts) are bringing the virus into medical facilities, it greatly increases exposure and puts healthcare workers (and their families and communities) at unnecessary risk. We need to convey to the American public the importance of keeping our healthcare workers from falling ill (and into quarantine) so that they can treat those that absolutely need to be hospitalized. There also should be a mandated no visitor policy for suspected/confirmed patients at every point of care.