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RE: Call for donation to fight COVID-19

Dear fellow CAPA members,

COVID-19 has spread in the U.S. and posed considerable harms to the public and the healthcare providers. Therefore, the CAPA BOD and I would like to call for donations to fight COVID-19.

As I ask for your contribution, I pledge:

1. Form an *ad hoc* COVID-19 committee of members with diverse background. They will together decide how to best use the donated funds. See action plan below.
2. Host a town hall meeting to collect your ideas and feedback on how to best solicit donations and use the funds.
3. Update members the sum of donation and itemized expenses regularly (currently weekly).

To donate please go to: <https://www.capa-ht.org/donation/> . You can write a note on your desired use of your donation, which we will try our best to honor.

Thank you very much!

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CAPA President, 2020-2021

The COVID-19 committee's action plan (approved by the BOD)

1. Establish a multitask fund to support fighting COVID-19 infection. It may include but not limit to the urgent funds/resources for CAPA members related to COVID-19 infection, and aids to the area(s) with viral outbreak requiring urgent help. The fund will come from CAPA allocation and member donations, and will be subject to the BOD's approval. The usage of the fund should be transparent and published at CAPA website or other media regularly.
2. Solicit the ideas from CAPA members on how to contribute fighting COVID-19.
3. Invite experts in infectious disease and diagnostics to educate CAPA members of the updates of the viral infection via online lecture platform.
4. Promote collaboration of CAPA pathologists with the pathologists in China or other physicians with experience to study the pathogenesis of COVID-19.
5. Use part of the donations to COVID-19 to fund the research focused on COVID-19. The research committee will be in charge of the solicitation, review and selection of submitted projects.