

# We're heartbroken. We're overwhelmed.

Our doctors, nurses and people working in health care are doing everything we can to take care of you when you're sick. And yet every day we're seeing avoidable illness and death as a direct result of COVID19.

## The situation is critical.

Our emergency departments are overfilled, and we have patients in every bed in our hospitals. This pandemic has strained our operations and demoralized many people on our teams. Care in our hospitals is safe but our ability to provide it is threatened. At any time you or a loved one might need our support. Heart attacks. Car accidents. Cancer. Stroke. Appendicitis. Now, an ominous question looms: will you be able to get care from your local community hospital without delay? Today, that's uncertain.

How does this happen in 2021 – almost two full years since this deadly pandemic began? How can we as a society stand by and watch people die when a simple shot could prevent a life-threatening illness? Your access to health care is being seriously threatened by COVID19. We need to stop the spread!

## Today we ask you to:

- Get vaccinated + get your booster
- Wear a mask (even if you're vaccinated) + socially distance
- If you feel sick, get tested for COVID-19
- Encourage neighbors and loved ones to take these steps

## We're in this together, and we can only finish it together.

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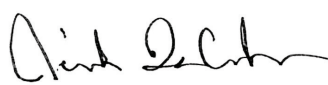
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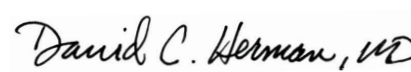
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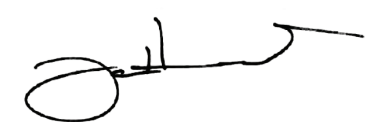
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