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Douglas Ducey
Governor, State of Arizona
1700 W Washington St
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor:

The Maricopa County Medical Society (MCMS) is alarmed about the significant rise in COVID-19 cases and encourages greater public education and policies focused on disease mitigation.

As an organization which has been advocating for physicians since 1892, MCMS cares deeply about the wellbeing of patients and ensuring the physical, mental, and financial security of physicians and their families. To reduce the risk to physicians, medical staff, and patients, we request extensions of parity for telemedicine coverage.

We see Arizonans have become lax in their preventive efforts including hand washing, wearing masks, and social distancing. We understand and appreciate the need to balance having a strong economy with public health but the best way to save our economy is to control the virus. These two things go together. MCMS entreats you to enforce limits on large gatherings, require the wearing of masks in public, encourage greater use of remote work, and increase testing and contact tracing.

Governor Ducey, our MCMS physicians are committed to fulfilling our duties as health professionals and caring for patients under any circumstances. Please know we are your partner and stand ready to assist with efforts to keep our communities safe and prosperous.

Respectfully,

Lee Ann Kelley, MD
President, Maricopa County Medical Society