

OHIO COUNCIL OF MEDICAL SCHOOL DEANS



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Director Acton,

On behalf of the Ohio Council of Medical School Deans Margaret Dunn and I would like to thank you, Governor DeWine and the entire administration for your tireless and lifesaving work over the past several weeks to coordinate the state response and help the citizens of Ohio navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. The sense of calm, knowledge and leadership that you have displayed during this challenging time for all Ohioans is commendable and serves as an excellent example for medical professionals and leaders everywhere.

Last Sunday night and again earlier this week the seven medical school deans held conference calls to discuss coordination of ongoing distance learning coursework for our medical students. During these calls it was confirmed that all seven of Ohio's medical schools took our medical students off rotations ahead of national recommendations. We also discussed preparations to potentially offer our assistance to your ongoing efforts in this rapidly changing environment.

We wanted to take this opportunity to communicate to you directly that all of our medical schools stand ready to support your efforts in any way we are able.

Please do not hesitate to reach out directly to Dr. Dunn or me if you or your team believe there are ways that we may be able to utilize our collective medical school resources to support your efforts to provide treatment and combat the spread of COVID-19 in Ohio.

Thank you again for your tremendous leadership in addressing this ongoing crisis – as we continue to educate Ohio's future physicians, we pledge our support to provide assistance in any way we can.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth H. Johnson D.O. FAAO".

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret M. Dunn, MD, MBA".

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