



# Health Alert Network Message 20-22: Letter to the Healthcare Community from Governor John Bel Edwards

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To the Health Care Community:

I recognize that these are very challenging times and that you all have been working long, hard hours and you are making many sacrifices, including time away from your families, to serve your patients. My mother was a nurse, and I learned many years ago that not all heroes wear capes. Instead, some wear scrubs or lab coats just like you. You put your patients first and often risk your own health to care for others. With all of my heart, and on behalf of the entire state, I want to thank you for your relentless efforts and for your service to our brothers and sisters and our most vulnerable Louisiana residents.

I wish I could tell you when the threat from this virus will come to an end. I can't do that. What I can tell you is that I'll do everything that I can to limit social interactions to limit the spread of this illness to the maximum extent possible, and I hope make your work a little less tough. I've also had regular conversations with the federal government, including Vice President Pence, to make sure they are aware of our needs. My team continues to work with the Department of Health and FEMA to obtain additional supplies including PPE, vents, and testing supplies. We will continue to advocate on your behalf.

In difficult times, I lean on my faith, and I'm reminded of the words of Isaiah 41:10: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Each morning as you head out into a world of uncertainty, please know I am lifting you up in prayer and your sacrifices are never out of my mind. You represent the best of us. On behalf of the entire great state of Louisiana, I sincerely thank you.

Thank you and God Bless,

John Bel Edwards  
Governor