

## Official Response to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Dear APSA Members:

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) pandemic, we want to express our support for the physicians and healthcare providers involved in treating patients affected by COVID, and address the unique challenges faced by physician-scientist trainees during this unprecedented pandemic.

APSA supports all healthcare workers and clinicians as they work to treat and support patient during the COVID-19 pandemic. APSA stands with other professional organizations, such as the American College of Physicians and the American Medical Association, as we advocate for current governing bodies at all levels to provide adequate personal protective equipment for hospitals. Further, APSA supports physicians' rights to advocate openly for their personal safety, as well as for the safety and well-being of their patients.

As our mission is to be the student physician-scientist's leading voice, including advocating for the future of translational medicine, we recognize the impact that this pandemic can have on the unique training paths of physician-scientist trainees. At present, most institutions have shifted to online learning for completion of didactic training. The NIH has adjusted certain [spring grant deadlines](#), while also expanding funding for new avenues of research related to [COVID-19](#). However, we recognize that at present we lack the specifics as to how suspending research, changing learning formats, and altering clinical or graduate training timelines will impact our community as a whole in the future. We are committed to advocating for the rights of all physician-scientist trainees and will work actively to remain up-to-date on the ongoing pandemic and how it will affect our community. The tragic COVID-19 pandemic has further demonstrated the need to have physician-scientists trained and ready to rise to the occasion when new threats to public and individual health emerge.

Sincerely,  
APSA Executive Council

For additional details related to the COVID pandemic, we provide the following resources:

- [CDC COVID Resource](#)
- [NIH Grants](#)
- [Open Mike Blog](#)
- [ACP Patient and Physician Health Statement](#)
- [FASEB COVID Information](#)
- [AMA Advocacy for Physician PPE](#)