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Society for Investigative Dermatology Supports Dr. Fauci and Expert Public Health Guidance on COVID-19

The Society for Investigative Dermatology (SID) and its nearly 2,000 members, stands in strong support of Dr. Anthony Fauci. Drawing from more than 50 years of expertise in infectious diseases, from HIV/AIDS to Ebola and Zika, Dr. Fauci has played an integral role in developing sound public health guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The SID community includes experts on skin health and disease from around the globe, including world leaders on skin biological research and infectious disease. We believe the best path forward to navigate this global health crisis is to follow the science. Evidence-based prevention practices and treatment protocols should be adopted as new rigorous scientific data become available. We stand with science and Dr. Fauci's recommendations to bring the most rapid end to this global pandemic and public health crisis.

Dermatology patients with autoimmune and chronic inflammatory disorders such as psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, lupus, scleroderma, and hidradenitis suppurativa, have increased risk and susceptibility to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. The best way to protect the American public during this pandemic is to follow the recommendations of scientific leaders with the greatest expertise in the field.

COVID-19 cases are surging – and hotspots continue to emerge throughout the country. We face months of mounting cases and deaths. As scientists and clinicians committed to advancing discovery, the members and leadership of the SID feel strongly that ensuring access to this information is critical for public health and the vitality of the nation.

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