

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dr. Robert R. Redfield, MD
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Dear Dr. Redfield:

Last month, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published an important [report](#) indicating that, as of April 9, at least 9,292 health care personnel were infected with the novel coronavirus, and 27 died. Because health care personnel are crucial to responding to the pandemic and also at high risk of exposure to the coronavirus in the course of their work, we are writing to ask you to regularly issue public reports with updated data on illness and deaths of health care personnel due to COVID-19 or related complications.

Also, it is our understanding that CDC is revising the case report form for COVID-19 to obtain data on occupational exposure and occupation status and that the new form will be implemented later this month. We are encouraged by this development, and we respectfully suggest that the new set of questions explicitly ask whether the patient had contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case at work. Once this new data is collected, we request that CDC initiate regular public reporting, no less frequently than monthly, on infections and deaths of all essential workers related to COVID-19 or related complications.

Reporting this information for all essential workers—disaggregated by occupation—is in the public interest because it would help policymakers, employers, and workers to better monitor the impact of efforts to mitigate infections and protect essential workers from the coronavirus. As Americans, we all owe a tremendous debt to essential workers who risk their health to deliver critical goods and services that make life possible during this pandemic. We should make every effort to collect and report data on their health and well-being and utilize that data to inform COVID-19 mitigation and prevention strategies for essential workers.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible about this request.

Sincerely,



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