



February 23, 2021

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the [Infectious Diseases Society of America](#) (IDSA) and our [HIV Medicine Association](#) (HIVMA), we write to congratulate you on your election to the United States Congress and to offer our societies as resources as you help lead our nation out of the COVID-19 pandemic, while addressing other pressing infectious diseases issues and preparing our country for future pandemics.

IDSA is a community of over 12,000 physicians, scientists and other health care and public health professionals who specialize in infectious diseases. Our members are on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, caring for patients, designing and updating infection prevention, diagnostic testing and patient management protocols, collaborating with state and local health departments on communications and mitigation efforts, leading health care facility responses, and conducting research to develop new tools for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19. IDSA and HIVMA are committed to a evidence-based responses to COVID-19, and other infectious diseases epidemics, that promote health equity and address disparities.

IDSA and HIVMA have developed a set of COVID-19 resources that we hope you will find useful as you develop and advance policies and engage with your constituents:

- [COVID-19 Policy Resources](#) — Policy briefs, fact sheets and letters on issues including vaccines, treatments, health disparities, workforce, the global response and more;
- [COVID-19 Real Time Learning Network](#) — A curated repository of clinical guidance, emerging research, and practice management tools to support clinicians of all backgrounds;
- COVID-19 [Vaccine News and Updates](#) — FAQs and other resources on vaccine distribution, authorized vaccines, and vaccines in development;
- COVID-19 [Podcasts](#) — Regularly produced episodes featuring infectious diseases experts; recent topics include SARS-CoV-2 variants, physician mental health, and COVID-19 vaccines, diagnostics and therapeutics.

While the COVID-19 pandemic remains a top focus, additional infectious diseases issues continue to significantly impact patients and public health. Attached please find information on additional [IDSA](#) and [HIVMA](#) priorities, including antibiotic resistance; the infectious diseases and HIV workforce; the *Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative*; investments in biomedical research, public health, and global health; and diagnostics access and innovation.

If we can assist you in any way, please feel free to contact our staff: IDSA Director of Government Relations Lisa Cox, at lcx@idsociety.org or HIVMA Senior Policy and Advocacy Manager Jose Rodriguez, at jrodriguez@hivma.org.

Sincerely,

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