President’s Message

Dear Fellows,

No matter the news source you turn to, reports of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) have focused our attention on caution and care. As nurses, we know that the public’s reaction must be informed by education on the basics of prevention (i.e., measures like handwashing, staying at home when sick). And with an increasing number of cases in the United States and more deaths being reported worldwide, the alert for community spread is real. This is a fluid situation requiring every possible preparation for the large-scale impact of the virus. In Washington state, where the most deaths have been reported, Governor Jay Inslee and the State Department of Health requested a total of $100 million from the state’s legislature to fight the virus and a few schools have closed for additional cleaning and staff training. In my home state of New York, Governor Andrew Cuomo is looking to health insurers to waive costs associated with testing for COVID-19. Nationally, Congress will vote on emergency funding for the coronavirus by the week’s end, which totals approximately $8.3 billion to support states and the federal government efforts to combat the virus.

Globally, our colleagues in China, Iran, Italy, Japan, and South Korea are fighting a much greater and more intense battle right now. Many of you may have seen the heroic moments, captured in a snapshot, of nurses in China whose faces held deep imprints from their masks while treating people with COVID-19 for 12 straight hours. In February, I sent a message to our Fellows in China, and the surrounding countries in the region affected, sharing our appreciation for their commitment to care and our support during this raging and growing pandemic.

On Friday, February 28, 2020, the Academy along with other health organizations, signed onto a letter to Members of Congress expressing concern for the coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) public health emergency. Spearheaded by the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security and signed by such organizations as the American Public Health Association, American Geriatrics Society, and Association of American Medical Colleges, the letter urged congressional appropriators to act swiftly and decisively to provide robust support for key domestic public health and healthcare programs, medical countermeasure development, global preparedness programs and response mechanisms, and international partnerships, in order to mitigate the impacts of the virus. The Academy continues to work with our colleagues in the public health and health security communities to consider policy actions as the virus spreads.
I call upon our Fellows to continue to communicate and educate. Last week, I had the opportunity to visit members of Congress in my role as dean and professor at NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing. I shared with the Congressional staff the incredible impact that COVID-19 will have if not aggressively addressed. The reaction from the Congressional staff reminded me once again of the power of our voice. Understanding the lens from those of us on the ground, who will care and lead in this public health emergency, is not lost on them as staff or how they will advise their Member of Congress based on our expertise.

It is during these points in time where leadership is essential. I would like to commend the incredible leadership of the American Nurses Association (ANA). I have had the chance to speak with ANA President Ernest Grant regarding COVID-19 and know how closely the ANA Enterprise is working to prepare nurses nationwide. President Grant and other senior level staff have voiced expertise on public radio; ANA has created a robust compilation of information for nurses that discusses education and how to minimize spread; and ANA's Smartbrief is consistently in our inboxes with the most current information. ANA has a dedicated team of senior professionals and expects providing timely and important resources.

Other resources are quickly being shared. Some may have seen Dr. Tener Veenema, a Fellow and previous National Academy of Medicine Distinguished Nurse Scholar-in-Residence, share her expertise on emergency preparedness through the webinar Coronavirus: What Nurses Need to Know to be Prepared. Many of us who are educators, know that the American Association of Colleges of Nursing put out a resource link and for those in practice, the American Organization of Nurse Leaders and the Emergency Nurses Association as well as many others have resource pages for their members. The Academy champions and seeks to bolster the work of our sister organizations. Just as critically, we commend the dedicated nursing and health professionals in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization, International Council of Nurses, and other governmental and global entities who are working around the clock to combat the spread and keep communities healthy.

Our Academy focus will remain at the policy level and how the expertise of our Fellows will be of assistance as further information unfolds. We want to hear from you as Fellows, nationally and internationally, the impact on the ground and where we can provide support. I close by sharing something our Treasurer, Kathy Gorman, reminded the Board about at our most recent meeting. We know that CNOs across the country are working to ensure the workforce is ready for an increased number of COVID-19 cases and to protect themselves with the risk of increased exposure. Kathy reflected on the impact the Ebola virus had on her health system back in 2014. She quoted Dr. Susan Mitchell Grant, an Academy Fellow, who was at the center of the response while at Emory. Dr. Grant stated, “We can fear, or we can care”. And in those seven words, our direction in this crisis is clear: care.

Sincerely,

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The Academy will be launching a redesigned website. This new website will help us highlight our Fellows and our policy work more effectively. Last year, the Academy’s website had over 287,000 visitors, a nearly 40% increase from 2018! We expect this number will continue to grow as a result of the redesign’s focus on accessibility and user experience. **Fellow log-in information will remain the same. Additional information will be sent prior to the new website’s launch.**

Fellow Achievements

**Jason Farley**, PhD, MPH, MSN, CRNP, FAAN, Director of PhD Program, and **Mona Shattell**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Dean for Faculty Development, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, have been selected for induction into Sigma International's Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame. They are being recognized for their sustained and impactful contributions to the profession. Dr. Farley is an expert in HIV prevention, treatment, and care. Dr. Shattell is an expert in inpatient mental health nursing. They will be inducted at the 31st Sigma International Nursing Research Congress in July. **Read more.**

Drs. Farley and Shattell were inducted into the Academy in 2013. Dr. Farley serves on the Emerging Infectious Disease and Global Nursing and Health Expert Panels. Dr. Shattell serves on the Psychiatric, Mental Health, and Substance Use Expert Panel.

**John Lowe**, PhD, RN, FAAN, McKenzie Professor in Health Disparities Research and Director of the Center for Indigenous Nursing Research for Health Equity at Florida State University College of Nursing, has been appointed to the National Advisory Council on Nursing Research (NACNR). NACNR operates under the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) within the National Institutes of Health. The Council provides second-level review and recommendations of grant applications as well as of NINR's extramural programs and intramural research activities. Members of NACNR are selected for their leadership and expertise. **Read more.**

Dr. Lowe was inducted into the Academy in 2007 and currently serves on the Fellow Selection Committee.

**Julie Novak**, DNSc, RN, CPNP, FAANP, FAAN, San Diego Neighborhood House Association, Head Start, has been selected as a 2020 Women of Dedication Honoree.
Designated by the San Diego Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary Club, this honor is given to the community's most dedicated volunteers. Dr. Novak was selected for her commitment to the San Diego community. Read more.

Dr. Novak was inducted into the Academy in 2013.

**In Memoriam**

**Ann Cain**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor Emerita, University of Maryland (UMD) School of Nursing, passed away on February 1, 2020.

An expert in mental health and psychiatric care, Dr. Cain served as a Professor of psychiatric nursing for over 30 years at UMD. After her retirement in 1994, the School of Nursing established the Ann Ottney Cain Endowed Lectureship in Psychiatric Nursing.

For more information, click here.

**Mitzy Duxbury**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor, University of Wisconsin, Madison, passed away on February 1, 2020.

She was an expert in infant care, developing a series of educational modules to teach professionals in maternal and infant care. Dr. Duxbury was also renowned for her efforts to advance doctoral nursing programs throughout her career.

For more information, click here.

**Ann Hamric**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor Emerita, Virginia Commonwealth University, passed away on February 9, 2020.

Dr. Hamric was an internationally renown leader in advanced practice nursing and nursing ethics. Her research on moral distress in healthcare professionals broke new ground in biomedical ethics and continues to be used today.

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