

April 2, 2020

Dr. Victoria Lee,
President and Chief Executive Officer,
Fraser Health Authority.

Dr Bonnie Henry,
Provincial Medical Health Officer

Dear Drs. Lee and Henry:

The Presidents' Council of Fraser Health Medical Staff Associations (MSAs) wishes to express our confidence in your actions during a time of unprecedented volatility in a Covid-19 landscape.

The Medical Staff Associations and their executive committees are vital to the function of each hospital site and serve as an integral bridge between the frontline staff, the Health Authority, and indeed our provincial medical leaders.

As the Covid-19 pandemic continues, the growth of our knowledge base is accelerating. In order to be nimbly responsive in our ability to make changes to our models of care we must have two-way communication streams that transmit in both vertical and horizontal directions. We appreciate the efforts of the Emergency Operation Centre, your virtual town hall meetings and daily CEO and Provincial updates. Easy access to a central repository of information is important as we are bombarded by information from within and without the Authority.

As future questions arise from our healthcare colleagues, the MSAs will continue to serve as a conduit to bring these important issues to you. The opportunity to work closely together further enhances the relationships between us. Although recent data from the Provincial Health Office has given us a hint of brighter days ahead, we are preparing for the burden of care to increase in the short and long term.

We are making a commitment to stand with you in full support and look forward to sharing this burden with you as our leaders. Now more than ever, we must stand united and aligned in this battle.

Together, we are stronger. You have our support.

Respectfully submitted,

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President of Surrey Memorial Hospital MSA

Dr. Gaurav Bahl, President of Abbotsford Regional Hospital MSA

Dr. Paul Johar, President of Burnaby Hospital MSA

Dr. Paul Mallam, President of Chilliwack General Hospital MSA

Dr. Robert Shaw, President of Delta Hospital MSA

Dr. Anna Kan, President of Eagle Ridge Hospital MSA

Dr. Rosanna Switzer, President of Fraser Canyon Hospital MSA

Dr. Erika Mehl, President of Langley Memorial Hospital MSA

Dr. Parin Patel, President of Mission Memorial Hospital MSA

Dr. Arnold Sikhakhane, President of Peace Arch Hospital MSA

Dr. Ken Burns, President of Ridge Meadows Hospital MSA

Dr. Kathleen Ross, President of Royal Columbian Hospital MSA