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Dear FDA Team,

The FDA continues to be integral in the fight against the coronavirus, taking meaningful actions that advance our nation's response as well as identifying and exploring additional areas where we can make a difference. And, we certainly are making a difference. In fact, a well-known news outlet this week referred to our agency as being "at the epicenter of the federal government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic."

I want to let you know that the FDA Leadership Team has been discussing updated telework direction and guidance for employees, carefully factoring in all aspects of the FDA portfolio, direction from state and local governments in the greater Washington, DC, area and beyond. Our absolute top priority is your health and well-being and we are sensitive to the challenges many are facing having to balance caring for children and family members while carrying out their FDA work. Please know we are committed to maintaining maximum flexibility during this time. We'll be communicating updated information on telework soon.

Together, we can #SlowTheSpread of this pathogen. Please continue to follow the President's [Coronavirus Guidelines for America](#) and enlist others to do the same. Stay safe, well and #FDAstrong.

Sincerely,

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**Commissioner of Food and Drugs**

