

To the University Community:

I want to take a moment to recognize the extraordinary ongoing work of the people who are on the very front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic: our physicians and healthcare workers here at UConn, especially at UConn Health. The work they have done to diagnose and treat the first influx of COVID patients while also ramping-up efforts to contend with the surge that we soon expect to see has been nothing short of heroic.

At UConn Health, we have thousands of doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals who are working round the clock to diagnose and treat patients – all while managing the steady flow of non-COVID patients they see during the regular course of business. They are supported by many other UConn and UConn Health employees who are also working hard to carry out our mission in a time of crisis.

This pandemic is unprecedented in our lifetimes and again and again our UConn medical professionals have shown they are equal to the task at hand: nimble, creative and tireless, drawing from their professional lifetime of experience and knowledge to combat a grave and growing threat.

This is of course only the beginning. We expect that things will become much worse and more challenging in the weeks ahead, which will place a heavy burden on our healthcare system and providers. We will do all we can to help and support them in this fight.

Please join me in thanking them for all their efforts.

Sincerely,