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HEALTH CENTER PARTNERS
of Southern California

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A message to our members and friends about COVID-19.

At Health Center Partners of Southern California (HCP), the health and wellness of southern California communities are top concerns. As we navigate the changing circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, I want to assure you that we will remain responsive to you and will continue our hard work to support our community health centers' needs.

We're Changing the Way We Work

Like many of you, we're tracking public health recommendations on workplace practices to inform decisions that will help ensure the health and safety of our staff. To do our part to slow the spread of the virus, we've implemented several social distancing practices. Adjusting to this new reality has some immediate implications for how we at HCP will work with you in the weeks ahead.

- As of today, we've asked that all HCP staff work remotely. We're getting used to this transition with the help and patience of our members, but we don't anticipate any significant effect on our capacity to work toward our mission. For now, our 3710 Ruffin Road location will remain open but with limited administrative staff present.

We will remain open for business though we are temporarily working remotely.

- We've canceled all in-person meetings and conferences and asked all staff to instead meet via video teleconference or conference calls until further notice. If you have a scheduled meeting with HCP staff, our team will be reaching out to make new arrangements. We're watching the situation closely, and we will provide updates on future events and meetings as we learn more.
- We've suspended all business travel by plane, train or other high-density transportation.
- We've stood up our Incident Management Team and continue to meet daily to address the needs of our members and staff.
- We are no longer attending large events in our roles as HCP staff.

- The situation is rapidly changing, and we are expecting further restrictive policies to be put in place as directed by authorities.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us as you would normally, or through info@hcpsocal.org, which we will be checking daily.

And please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or to share your ideas on how we can work #better together to support health and wellness during this turbulent time. There's good reason to feel anxious, sad, or upset right now. And yet, the power to alter the course of this pandemic is within us and our communities.

Won't you join me? When we take steps to protect ourselves and others, when we share accurate and helpful information, or when we check on a neighbor, we are engaging in something bigger than ourselves – and we're demonstrating the power of our humanity. Create. And care. And please heed safety warnings and recommendations, practice similar social distancing practices, wash your hands regularly, and use care and caution in not catching – or spreading – what's out there.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Henry N. Tuttle".

Henry N. Tuttle
President and CEO
Health Center Partners of Southern California