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To whom it may concern:

Emergency physicians, along with emergency nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses and others, are the front line in this pandemic. But they are also human beings, who need and deserve the comfort of their families when they are off duty.

Emergency physicians are trained in proper precautions to significantly reduce the risk to themselves, as well as their families. As president of the American College of Emergency Physicians, I request that the pandemic and the work that our colleagues are doing should not be a factor in custody or visitation disputes.

Sincerely,

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