

Dear Colleagues,

The life of an academician in research and education is incredibly demanding under normal circumstances. Of course, our current situation is far from normal.

We often tout our collaborative culture as one of UNC's greatest assets. You are embodying that culture right now by working together across departments, calling forward expertise from years of work and finding ways to apply that to our present moment.

We know that this situation has put a pause on many important projects, likely delaying discoveries that were years in the making. Many of you have ramped down your labs and are working with your colleagues remotely and we understand how difficult that is now.

For those directly involved, thank you for the tireless work you are doing to help the world better understand the biology and transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and to evaluate and test potential treatments for COVID-19.

We feel confident in saying that the knowledge you are creating here at UNC will play a pivotal role in ending this pandemic and in helping us all prepare for future crises.

We hear a lot about resilience these days; it is critically important to take care of yourselves, so we hope you will use the resources we have available to whatever degree feels right for you. We are so fortunate to work with Dr. Samantha Meltzer-Brody and her colleagues in the Department of Psychiatry, who have developed this [library of resources](#) to support us during this time.

Although we know having your work disrupted in this way has been incredibly difficult, we cannot thank you enough for the many donations of masks, goggles, gloves, and other personal protective equipment.

We are proud to work alongside world class faculty and, more importantly, world class *people*.

Thank you,

Wesley, Cristy, and Blossom