

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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At this time, the coronavirus is surging throughout the world. First, I hope you are keeping yourself safe and observing all the protocols of social isolation, washing your hands frequently, and helping others if you can.

By its eponymous name, the coronavirus - covid19 is not a living thing, it requires a living cell to replicate itself. In this case, humans provide the ideal environment for it to replicate and transmit itself. If you have the infection, the best way to stop the replication and transmission is to break the chain of transmission. If not, you can break the transmission by isolating yourself and taking all the recommended precautions. But whether or not you become sick, you are making a contribution to society by halting the spread of the virus when you self-isolate. If you become sick and your symptoms are bearable, your recovery will boost the "herd immunity" of the population. It is estimated, that if 40% of the population develops herd immunity, it will rapidly slow the infection and reinfection rates, it will ease the burden on the health care system, and it will point to the development of a vaccine. However, until a vaccine is developed, we need to be prepared for a different future of human interaction.

Therefore, please continue to make your own personal contribution toward stopping this pandemic through self-isolation. We can all thank each other when the coronavirus pandemic subsides.