

Dear all:

I have kept my MAG BOD Updates to once per month. Surveys have shown that associations are delivering volumes of information during this crisis that are becoming overwhelming. That being said, I wanted to make sure you saw the following information.

### **COVID-19 Liability Protections**

A few weeks ago, MAG advocated for all physicians treating COVID-19 patients to be shielded from professional liability lawsuits. Governor Kemp signed an executive order limiting the liability protections to physicians practicing in hospitals. However, after many weeks of continued discussions, we are excited to report that the liability protections have been extended to all physicians. A big thank you to Governor Kemp for extending this liability. More information can be found at [https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News\\_Articles/Gov\\_issues\\_order\\_providing\\_physicians\\_with\\_more\\_legal\\_liability\\_protection.aspx](https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/Gov_issues_order_providing_physicians_with_more_legal_liability_protection.aspx). This has been the number one priority for MAG for the last few weeks. Congratulations to Derek Norton and Bethany Sherrer for their tireless efforts leading this effort.

### **MAG Health Insurance Plan Webinar – May 14 (Tomorrow)**

Tomorrow, MAG will be hosting a webinar on the MAG Health Insurance Plan. If you have a few moments and would like to learn more about the health insurance plan, please go to [https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News\\_Articles/Free\\_MAG\\_Health\\_Plan\\_webinar\\_scheduled\\_for\\_May\\_14.aspx](https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/Free_MAG_Health_Plan_webinar_scheduled_for_May_14.aspx) and register for the webinar. MAG's association health plan attempts to reduce the ever rising health care costs for a physician's practice and their staff. This plan is a result of our members asking for this type of solution. If you have specific questions, please contact Ryan Larosa at [rlarosa@mag.org](mailto:rlarosa@mag.org).

### **Top Docs Show**

Over the last few weeks, we have done a number of Top Docs Shows addressing a variety of issues. We have done a series on physicians in the COVID-19 frontlines to upcoming shows of COVID-19 patients. We have also recorded shows on physicians running for office. Our Top Docs Shows are averaging 23,000 views per show during these times. If you have an idea you would like to see on the show, please email Tom Kornegay at [tkornegay@mag.org](mailto:tkornegay@mag.org). Our most recent shows can be found at the following:

- Senator Kay Kirkpatrick, MD and her experience with COVID-19 - [https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News\\_Articles/New\\_Top\\_Docs\\_features\\_Sen\\_Kay\\_Kirkpatrick\\_M.D\\_discussing\\_COVID-19.aspx](https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/New_Top_Docs_features_Sen_Kay_Kirkpatrick_M.D_discussing_COVID-19.aspx);
- GPLA Graduate and Georgia Senate Candidate Michelle Au, MD (GAMPAC endorsed candidate) on her experience with treating COVID-19 patients - [https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News\\_Articles/New\\_Top\\_Docs\\_features\\_Georgia\\_Senate\\_candidate\\_Michelle\\_Au\\_M.D\\_.aspx](https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/New_Top_Docs_features_Georgia_Senate_candidate_Michelle_Au_M.D_.aspx);
- Julie McGill, MD, surgeon and her experience with COVID-19 - [https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News\\_Articles/New\\_Top\\_Docs\\_features\\_surgeon\\_discussing\\_COVID-19\\_s\\_effects.aspx](https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/New_Top_Docs_features_surgeon_discussing_COVID-19_s_effects.aspx);
- Scott Bohlke, MD (MAG Past President, COL Chair and GAMPAC endorsed candidate) on his Senate Campaign - [https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News\\_Articles/New\\_Top\\_Docs\\_features\\_surgeon\\_discussing\\_COVID-19\\_s\\_effects.aspx](https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/New_Top_Docs_features_surgeon_discussing_COVID-19_s_effects.aspx);

- Jeff Stone, MD (GAFP President and GPLA Graduate) discussed vaccinations - [https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News\\_Articles/Top\\_Docs\\_looks\\_at\\_vaccinations\\_the\\_need\\_for\\_strong\\_physician\\_pharmacist\\_relationships.aspx](https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/Top_Docs_looks_at_vaccinations_the_need_for_strong_physician_pharmacist_relationships.aspx);
- Polling and Policy Implications for COVID-19 - [https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News\\_Articles/New\\_Top\\_Docs\\_addresses\\_COVID-19\\_polling\\_policy\\_implications.aspx](https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/New_Top_Docs_addresses_COVID-19_polling_policy_implications.aspx).

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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