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Hello everyone!

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all of you who have been working tirelessly with bravery and utmost dedication during this pandemic.

We are treading a very difficult time and the scale of the challenges is unprecedented. As "behind the scene heroes" who are performing our best with every test, may we be comforted by the fact that each of us play a vital role in supporting and advocating for the health of our communities. As it is often said, the medical laboratory professionals are the doctor's doctor; physician's decisions for the patient's primary or specialized care depend on the test results and the expertise/advice from clinical labs in some way. Our critical role as medical laboratory professionals in diagnosing disease, particularly during COVID-19 pandemic, cannot be understated.

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise, I encourage everyone to continue promoting our #MaskUpSD advocacy by sharing the campaign poster to wear masks through different social media platforms/channels. Let us set examples by wearing masks ourselves and let us be proactive in spreading awareness that wearing a mask can make a big difference in slowing the transmission of the virus. This is critically important especially now that California is one of the states with the highest number of COVID patients.

On a lighter note, I would like to inform you of the following updates:

- Planning is ongoing regarding our 1st Virtual Symposium for our Annual CE Seminar (Details to follow).
- Increase awareness about the importance of wearing a mask.
- Continuance of the Scholarship Program for PAMET SoCal CLS Review as soon as the situation improves.
- The 17th Biennial National Convention and 32nd Founding Anniversary will be done virtually on September 25 and 26. Please save the date. Registration is free with 4 free Continuing Education Units so don't forget to register. In line with the event, induction of the incoming National Officers will take place and there will also be an election of new officers for the incoming year and every PAMET member has a right to vote. More information to follow.

Suggestions are always welcome. Don't hesitate to email.

Let us all be vigilant and always observe safety protocols (wear masks, physical distance, hand hygiene, avoid crowded locations) for everyone's protection.

Thank you and keep safe.

Sincerely,

**Miles Perez, RMT, IMT (ASCPi), CLS**  
President  
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