



Message from the Project Directors
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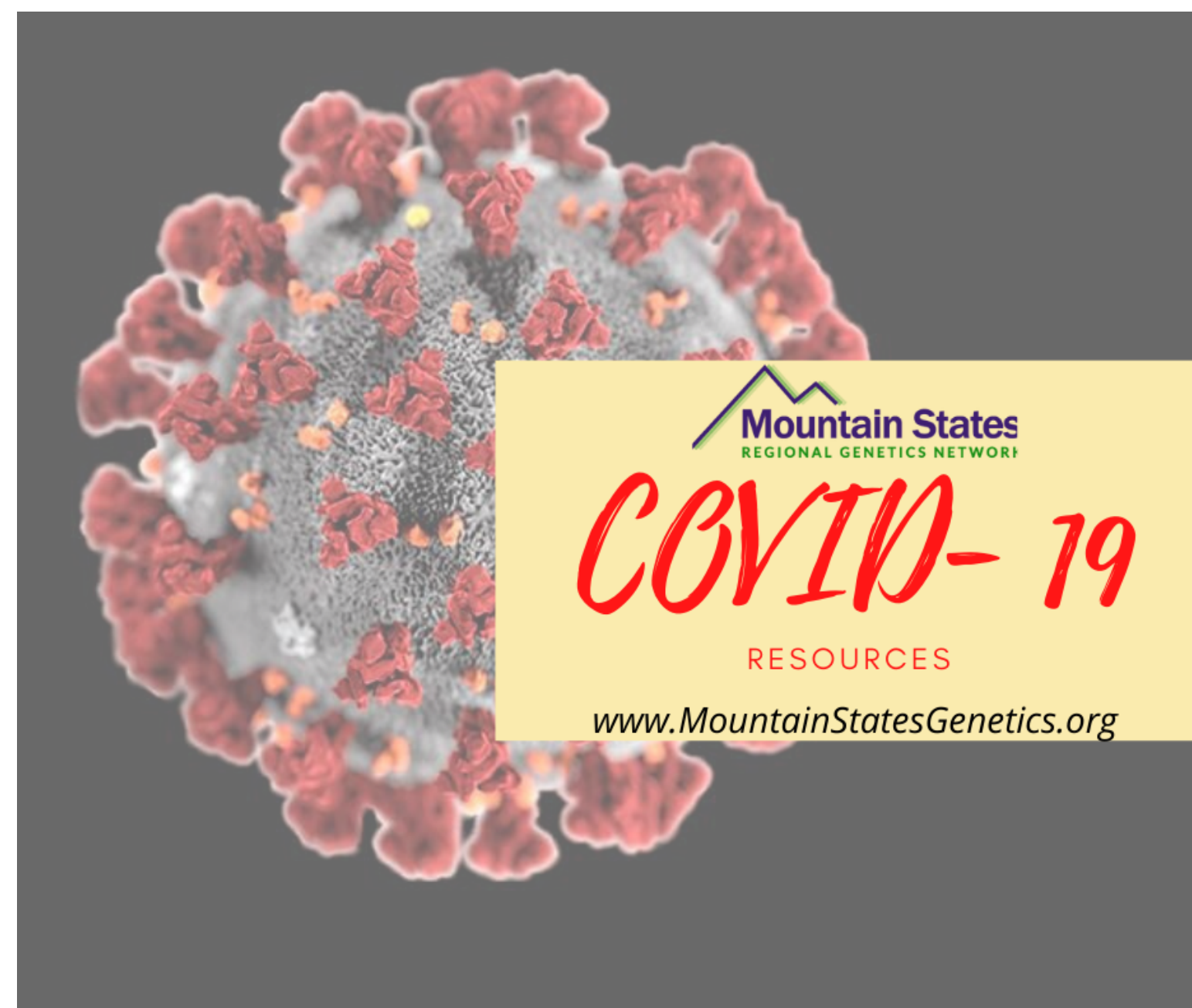
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Oh, what uncharted times we are all living in these days! With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing on, and the healthcare, medical and financial impact being felt across our region and our country, we want to send our thoughts to each and every one of you and your families. We hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

Over the last month, our state teams have shown a tremendous team effort in creating COVID-19 Resource Sheets for individuals and families with genetic conditions. In addition, with our state team's help we have added COVID-19 resources to our website on the topics of telehealth and resources for families. See below for the links.

Please Stay Safe.
Please [contact us](#) if we can be of any assistance in challenges you are facing in your area of our region.

State-Specific COVID19 Resources Sheets for Individuals and Families with Genetic Conditions



Please check out these Resource Sheets for COVID19 for all the states in our Mountain States Region:

- [Arizona](#)
- [Colorado](#)
- [Montana](#)
- [Nevada](#)
- [New Mexico](#)
- [Texas](#)
- [Utah](#)
- [Wyoming](#)

We would like to **THANK** our amazing state team members for their help in locating these resources. In about 3 weeks of time, due to the power of the MSRGN State team network, we were able to have a COVID19 resource sheet for each state in our region available on the MSRGN website and social media channels. Thank you to all who have shared them with your communities.

If this is your first time seeing the sheet for your state, **please help us** by sending it to 3 people or places (list serves, social media page, websites) that can help get it to the local families impacted genetic conditions, who need this information.

Telehealth Resources and COVID-19

Telehealth and Telegenetics in the era of COVID-19

With the closing of physical medical facilities to non-urgent patients in our region, we have heard from many of our states about a tremendous upswing in the number of genetic patients being seen virtually by telehealth. MSRGN compiled some resources on our website that may help both primary care and specialty care clinics make this transition and improve processes and work-flow, once the transition to telehealth is underway. Click [here](#) to access those resources.

COVID-19 Resources for Individuals and Families

And those impacted by genetic conditions

In addition to the state-specific COVID sheets, mentioned above, MSRGN has added a page to our website with specific links, resources, and information about COVID-19 for those individuals and families impacted by genetic conditions. Click [here](#) to view the page and please [let us know](#) of any other resources that should be added here.

State Team Spotlight: Nevada

Due to COVID-19, The Nevada team has converted their educational event to an ONLINE EVENT. The 'Careers in Genetics' event which they were going to hold in April at the University of Nevada, at Reno, will now look a little different. They are planning to hold their online event in conjunction with the National Coordinating Center's Public Health Genetics Week on May 26-29, 2020. They are finalizing a brochure on 'Careers in Public Health Genetics' that will be shared during the online event. To learn more about this upcoming awareness week, please check out the website [here](#). And stay tuned to the [MSRGN Facebook page](#) for details about the Nevada team's online event and brochure, coming soon!

Warm regards,



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