



Indian Doctors Association

Greater Houston

July 2020 Edition

President's Message

As confirmed cases of COVID-19 continue to rise in Greater Houston, IDA emphasized in a joint press conference with the Houston Fire Department the importance of wearing masks in public to protect each other.

IDA donated 1000 N-95 masks and digital thermometers to the Houston Fire Department. Our First Responders at the HFD are the World's Largest Accredited Municipal Fire Agency who continues to respond during crisis. They truly reflect "Courage, Commitment, and Compassion."



Indian Doctors Association received a formal letter of thanks from Houston Fire Department for their continued partnership for the Greater Houston Community. [Click here to view the press release.](#)

COVID-19 Physician Resources

Webinar Series Partnerships in Association with IACCGH

June 30, 2020: [IACCGH Covid-19 Webinar Series: Navigating PPP Forgiveness Rules For Businesses and Self-Employed](#)

June 26, 2020: [Covid-19 Webinar Series: Serving Houston Businesses During COVID and Beyond](#)

June 22, 2020: [IACCGH Nexgen Initiative: Mental Health and Anxiety During The Pandemic](#)

June 18, 2020: [How To Keep Our Community Safe, Power Dialogue led by Dr. T. Douglas Lawson, Ph.D](#)

Office of the Texas Governor / Greg Abbott:

[Gov. Greg Abbott has executive order on non-emergent elective surgeries](#)



IDA Physician Specialty awareness videos:

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<https://www.linkedin.com/in/indian-doctor-s-association-houston-0506a21a/>

We are Houston strong and we can work together to influence our community to continue to wear masks, social distance, wash hands, and use hand sanitizer. As health care providers, your role in helping to prevent the surge of this virus has been essential. Thank you for your commitment in helping to keep our community safe during these challenging times.

*Jignesh Shah, MD
President*

COVID-19 Response

Cloth Face Covering Do's & Don'ts:

DO:	DON'T:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Make sure you can breathe through it✓ Wear it whenever going out in public✓ Make sure it covers your nose and mouth✓ Wash after using	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ Use on children under age 2✗ Use surgical masks or other personal protective equipment (PPE) intended for healthcare workers

 cdc.gov/coronavirus

IDA has donated masks, has donated N95 masks and digital thermometers to the Houston Fire Department.



City of Houston

HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
Incident Update

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: 06/08/2020

[View this email in your browser](#)

Local Non-Profit Organization to Contribute Masks and Thermometers to HFD

WHAT:

Indian Doctors Association of Greater Houston will present the Houston Fire Department with 1000 K-N95 Masks and Digital thermometers. Fire Chief Samuel Peña will be present to accept the donation.

WHEN:

Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

WHERE:

HFD Fire Station 8, 1919 Louisiana, 77002 (parking in lot behind station off Milam)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Indian Doctors Association of Greater Houston, 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization is a networking forum for physicians of Indian origin who provide mentorship in academic excellence, patient care & promote health education for the Greater Houston community. "Connect, Inspire, & Community" is the key facet of the Indian Doctors Association.

**Per the City of Houston's enhanced COVID-19 safety procedures, visitors and employees entering City of Houston facilities are required to wear face-coverings and undergo a no-touch thermometer temperature check. Social distancing will continue to be encouraged.*

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June 15, 2020

Jignesh Shah, MD
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Dear Dr. Shah:

We're grateful to the Indian Doctors Association of Houston for making a \$2,500 contribution to purchase meals for UTMB's Department of Internal Medicine residents. This generous gift was greatly appreciated by our residents who tirelessly cared for many patients infected with the coronavirus.

I applaud your own dedicated service on the Internal Medicine faculty. You're a vital member of the university community, helping us build on innovations in health care.

We also continue to appreciate the association for creating a scholarship in UTMB's School of Medicine. It's a privilege to have you partnering with us as we train medical students who will be the vanguard for new innovations in patient care.

Thank you for the Indian Doctors Association of Houston's marvelous support of our residents, recognizing their phenomenal efforts to treat citizens afflicted with COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Ben G. Raimer, MD, MA, FAAP
President ad interim

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c: Jon Rigelsky

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Raj Dalal, MD

I am a board certified internal medicine physician in Lake Jackson, TX.

I grew up in Vadodara, India and attended Baroda Medical College at Sri Sayajirao University in Vadodara. After finishing medical school, I trained in internal medicine at Albert Einstein Medical College (Bronx, NY) from 1991 to 1994. After residency, I joined a radiation oncology program at the University of Rochester but soon realized within a year that I missed my

passion for diagnostic and therapeutic medicine that I enjoyed in internal medicine. In 1996, I moved to Lake Jackson, TX to start an internal medicine practice.

I have enjoyed treating more than 30,000 patients since then. Every patient that comes to my office has a different story, and it's never boring. An internist provides multifaceted care and manages some of the most complicated patients, keeping them healthy and preventing hospitalizations. Over the past 24 years, I have also developed natural protocols to prevent recurrent infections and the progression of arthritis. I am hoping that my story encourages new graduates to consider being an internist.

I am honored to join IDA this year. I have attended a few meetings and I am impressed with the results and hard work of the current administrative team.

Raj Dalal, MD

IDA's Annual Gala



Due to COVID19, this year's gala has been rescheduled to April 10th, 2021.

IDA Speakers Bureau

Please update your membership profile on idahouston.org if you would be interested in becoming a motivational speaker for IDA at our future events.

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Members and events are highlighted on our social media channels.

"Friends of IDA"



"I have truly enjoyed partnering with IDA throughout the years. It is a great organization doing incredible work. We are all very fortunate to have the IDA in the greater Houston Area."

-Kyle Price

Senior Vice President Memorial Hermann Service Lines (Heart and Vascular, Primary Care and Women's and Children's)



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