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Dear Brothers,

The COVID pandemic is a public health crisis of a scale not seen in generations. After a relative lull of a few months, COVID is coming back ferociously. With the emergence of new variants, the virus is more contagious than ever. Hospitals are full, making it extremely difficult to get non-COVID patients to get the urgent, sometimes life-saving, treatment that they need. Exhausted and short-handed medical professionals are putting their lives on the line to care for the masses of people infected with COVID. Staggering numbers of people, including previously healthy young people, are unnecessarily dying.

While we continue to encourage social distancing, masks, and cleaning measures, the absolute key to minimizing the human damage that is upon us, is to get vaccinated. The available COVID vaccines are safe, free, extremely effective at preventing serious illness, and readily available. There is a lot of noise and misinformation surrounding this pandemic and vaccines. In this letter, we will not attempt to address the myriad of reasons people have chosen against vaccination to this point. Suffice it to say, there are dozens of reasons, and none of them are any good. That being said, it is both important and reasonable to have questions. We will be glad to address any of those in a setting that works for you.

We strongly advise every man in Arkansas Alpha to get the COVID vaccine if you have not already done so. Your leadership in the drive to fight this pandemic presents an opportunity to earn significant public relations recognition. How or even if you choose to take advantage of that opportunity is up to you.

Though separated by distance, we urge our active Arkansas Alpha brothers to rise to the occasion and once again be the leaders that our Bond requires of us. You are in a unique position to be a strong example to our national fraternity, the U of A, our families and our friends.

Yours In The Bond,

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