



Over the past week a small group of experts commissioned by ASE leaders have prepared a **statement** to be shared with our members and the entire cardiovascular ultrasound community. **This statement**, which was approved by the ASE Executive Committee on March 17, 2020, addresses triaging and decision pathways for handling echocardiographic requests, as well as indications and recommended procedures to be followed for an echocardiographic assessment of cardiovascular function in suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases. In addition, we list measures recommended to be used in the echo lab for prevention of spread of disease.

ASE is committed to the health, safety, and well-being of our members and the patients we serve. My colleagues **James Kirkpatrick, MD, FASE**, **Smadar Kort, MD, FASE**, **Judy Hung, MD, FASE**, and **Cynthia Taub, MD, FASE**, helped create this resource for sonographers, nurses, advance practice providers, and physicians who have a duty to care for patients and are at the frontlines in the battle against disease.

We thank you all for your tireless commitment to our patients and each other.

On behalf of the ASE leadership team,

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