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Dear Department of Public Health Board members:

I wanted to send you an update of our current COVID-19 activities to highlight the progress made since our last communications. Our efforts now include influenza vaccine planning as well as COVID-19 vaccine planning for statewide administration. We also are working statewide with schools and universities to ensure the safe return of students and faculty.

We do not anticipate having an in-person meeting of the DPH Board before next year. In the meantime, I will continue to send updates about our work and changing priorities. We have entered into an exciting collaboration with the Rollins School of Public Health to strengthen our epidemiology capacity statewide. Dean James Curran, our Board Chair, may have an opportunity to brief you on these important collaborations in the near future.

I have had the chance to talk with many of you about various aspects of our response. But in the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions or suggestions about how we can augment our response and community efforts.

Thank you again for your support and continued commitment to public health in Georgia.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathleen'.

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