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Dear CSRT members,

When I look back to the middle of March 2020, Canada and the rest of the world stood on the brink of unprecedented lockdowns and COVID-19 pandemic-related chaos and uncertainty. Fortunately, the CSRT had been preparing for the pandemic and had established contingent critical strategies to the exact urgent needs and other health care services providers. Our strategies included the CSRT's ability to provide a virtual platform for our members and their contributions to the pandemic response, and to provide a virtual platform for the provision of continuing education and professional development. Our strategies also included the provision of coaching through the revision of the third edition, a short webinar series, two virtual conferences, and the development of a virtual mentorship program. We also had to develop and implement a virtual AGM and virtual Board of Directors meetings, and we had to develop and implement a virtual Nominating Committee process, and other case versions of courses.

Since March 2020, the CSRT has been agile and resilient. CSRT has dedicated staffs to ensure the continuity of our operations, and we have developed and implemented a virtual operating system and equipment to assist in each task home. The standard office equipment and supplies, including the CSRT's Ergonomic Program, have been provided to our Respiratory Therapists. Finally, we are grateful to our members who have been working tirelessly to provide the best care to their patients and families. We are also grateful to our members who are overseeing support and guidance to our members during the remainder of the pandemic and beyond. Although we are not yet out of the pandemic, we are hopeful that with the effective of the vaccine rollout, we will be able to return to our lives and our jobs. We are also hopeful that we will be able to return to our usual CSRT activities, such as our annual conference and international events, CSRT's advocacy of RT's emerging clinical expertise, increasing the number of Respiratory Therapists, and promoting the profession of Respiratory Therapy, and the efficient performance of our members, and the provision of high-quality care to our patients.

The CSRT's COVID virtual contribution portfolio has great value in several publications including: Virtual Care, Recommendations for Virtual Care, Virtual Care Competencies, Virtual Care Competencies, Virtual Care Competencies, Virtual Care Competencies, Virtual Care Competencies, and Virtual Care Competencies.