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Dear Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Residents, Residency Program Directors, and Residency Program Coordinators,

The ABOHNS recognizes that residents can be exposed to COVID-19 as they care for patients, which will lead to mandated quarantines. If an otolaryngology-head and neck surgery resident requires self-isolation or quarantine, this time will not count toward the 6-weeks allowed leave time for the PGY-year if the program arranges for the resident to complete academic/study activity during that time. The Residency Program Director will need to provide a written description of the situation and activity plan to the ABOHNS for approval. Extended absences for residents that contract and require care for COVID-19 will be considered on a case-by-case basis. In either circumstance, the ABOHNS expects that the residency program will proactively inform the ABOHNS about the situation as soon as feasible.

Please inform Shannon Lamkin at sll@abohns.org or 713-850-0399 if you have any questions about this information.

With Best Regards,

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