As members of the Infectious Diseases Society of America and its HIV Medicine Association, many of whom are working on the front lines of COVID-19 in communities across the country, we are alarmed that science and public health, and leaders that include Anthony Fauci, M.D., FIDSA are not sufficiently at the forefront of our country’s COVID-19 response.

The only way out of this national crisis is to act on the science, be data driven and follow evidenced-based prevention and treatment protocols. As the science evolves on SARS-CoV-2, so must our policies, if we are to gain control of this deadly virus.

The infectious diseases community cannot be silenced or sidelined during this global pandemic. We must act quickly to reverse course by standing with science, leading with informed public health responses and listening to the experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health. Our country’s health, welfare and national security are counting on it.

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