Sample Letter to Patients—developed by ACOG District II leadership for our NY Fellows:

Dear ______

As obstetricians, we recognize that our pregnant patients may feel anxious and are concerned about their own safety and that of their loved ones. They have mixed emotions about their birth experience. We understand that their birth plans are important and can provide comfort in knowing that their wishes at this important time will be followed. However, please know that because of this unprecedented pandemic in our country right now, this may not always be possible.

The primary focus of all obstetricians is to ensure the health and safety of our patients. Thus, your care may look different right now (e.g. telemedicine, less visitors, face masks and more rigorous safety protocols such as temperature monitoring). But, please know that this is being done for your safety, your baby’s safety and for the safety of our staff.

Please be assured that, through these trying and difficult times, we will strive to do our best to help you achieve a positive birth experience, while ensuring the safety of all involved, including you and your loved ones.