

AIPNO PRESIDENT DR. RUPESH RAINA AND EXECUTIVE INITIATIVE FOR COVID 19 PANDEMICS FOR OUTREACH EFFORT TO SERVE NEEDS OF LOCAL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS



As a part of **AIPNO** and **Sewa's** (Cleveland) joint COVID-19 community response effort, AIPNO feels extremely fortunate to **lead a student outreach initiative aimed to support the needs of local university students affected by COVID 19**. The idea sparked when we learned about the residential difficulties many students (especially international) were facing as university campuses were vacated, and how organizations like the AHOAA swiftly stepped in to provide free accommodations to these vulnerable students. This motivated us to learn about and serve the other (unmet) needs of local university students.

In this ongoing student initiative, we are continuously connecting with various Office of Student Affairs (e.g. Case, BW, JCU, etc.) and student bodies (like Student AMWA, etc.) to learn how we can serve their needs related to COVID 19. We have also offered to partner with campus organizations who have similar missions to facilitate student relief response both on and off campus. In the brief time we've launched this operation, it's heartening to share that our outreach effort has received overwhelming appreciation and our assistance and resources are being warmly welcomed by various university staff, e.g., various web-based resources for mental-health and stress management, coronavirus-issues and concerns for folks on visa in the US, are being shared with university students.

Simply stated, this initiative is a work in progress. As we learn more about what our students need, we will strive to do more for them. In the coming days, we hope to connect with many other institutions and become a valuable COVID 19 relief response resource for them.

As per Dr Gulati "I wholeheartedly thank the leadership of **AIPNO** and **Sewa** whose encouragement and support has been instrumental in inspiring me to undertake this novel outreach operation!"

Sincerely,

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