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The Emory Eagle Eye is a weekly look-ahead report to help Emory leaders anticipate the top news, events and public policy activities that will impact the Emory community. If you have an item or a report to include in a future edition, please send to Laura Diamond at laura.diamond@emory.edu or Rachel Jones at rachel.e.jones@emory.edu.

Priority Communications Initiatives

- Dayna Johnson, a sleep researcher in Rollins School of Public Health, will be interviewed on CBS Sunday Morning on Sunday, March 8 about the importance of sleep and disparities in sleep apnea.

- CPA is scheduled to launch a redesigned and expanded COVID-19 website on Monday, March 9 to accommodate the increasing communication needs of our community in understanding and responding to the outbreak.

- Emory will be involved in two significant developments on the COVID-19 clinical trial front. The Emory Vaccine Center’s Hope Clinic will be activated any day now as part of clinical trial of remdesivir, an antiviral that is being tested as a potential treatment for the novel coronavirus. Emory is one of nine Vaccine Treatment and Evaluation Units (VTEUs) across the nation that are being tapped for the study. That same VTEU network is also helping lead the investigation of a potential COVID-19 vaccine. Phase one of that clinical trial will take place at Kaiser Washington Vaccine and Treatment Evaluation Unit. The site for future phases of that trial have not yet been determined.

- The Emory News Center will continue covering developments related to the coronavirus, and will also highlight Emory researchers’ work to develop a DNA motor that could pave the way for “nano bots” to treat and diagnose disease; FIRST (Fellowships in Research and Science Teaching), the largest and longest continuously operating biomedical postdoctoral training program in the country; and events for Women’s History Month.

- Next week’s issues of Emory Report will include the second installment of our new monthly columns highlighting faculty and staff achievements: Acclaim, a sampling of recent awards and honors, and Research Roundup, a sampling of recent grants and publications.

Government and Community Affairs Updates

- Jonathan S. Lewin, CEO of Emory Healthcare, will be on Capitol Hill Wednesday, March 11 to meet with Senators David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler as well as Representative Drew Ferguson.