

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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VIDEO MESSAGE TO STAFF

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Dear colleagues,

Let me begin by extending my warmest wishes at this trying time.

I know that for so many, this tragedy has hit home. Please know my thoughts are with you.

We are together facing the biggest global crisis since the Second World War.

I thank all of you for your role in keeping the United Nations open for business.

You have been admirably flexible as we find new ways to carry out our work, which is more vital than ever.

Thanks to you, our peacekeeping operations, political missions, humanitarian pipelines and country teams are continuing to support countries through this emergency.

I want to thank you for stepping up with creativity, commitment and compassion.

You are showing the world what solidarity looks like.

Now, more than ever, your well-being is at the forefront of my concerns.

I receive daily reports regarding the number of UN personnel who have been infected with coronavirus. And yet, we know that these numbers are not complete.

Today we are launching a new health tool.

It's called the EarthMed portal and you can find it on iSeek.

This secure and confidential portal will enable you to provide information on coronavirus symptoms directly into your own medical record.

