

# United States Senate

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for the invitation to join you at the 'Making Sense of COVID' symposium. I wish I could be there to witness all the work that went into these research projects. Thank you to the Community College System of NH, particularly Dr. Leslie Barber, for hosting and organizing this symposium, and thank you to all of the students and faculty for conducting this important research and for making this informative event possible.

This past year has stressed the need for interdisciplinary study to address critical issues in our communities. It is important to understand that relying on science and research from a variety of fields will present the clearest way out of this pandemic. Moreover, it is crucial that we work collaboratively in order to adequately account for the many impacts of COVID-19. I am confident that rigorous, integrative research related to COVID-19 will provide valuable insights to help guide important public health decisions.

That's why I am very grateful for the research that you have conducted. We need creative thinkers like you to continue the search in the future for innovative solutions to our country's most pressing problems. Practicing rigorous and meticulous scholarship, like you did in your research projects, will provide those solutions.

Thank you again for presenting these findings. I wish you all the best as you continue this important work.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen  
United States Senator