

# Champion of COVID Response

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### Summary:

I feel he has shown exceptional drive and commitment to keeping his team informed during this pandemic. He has provided us with new information and resources to keep us and our families safe and healthy and has encouraged us to stay connected while teleworking. He participates in group 'social' activities, bonds with us in meaningful ways, and SO MUCH MORE! Read on....

**Description:** I would like to nominate Mr. Bill Weissinger for FEB Award Nomination as Covid Champion. As a Consumer Safety Officer, Mr. Weissinger has been an unparalleled leader in this time of challenges which we have faced this past year. At the beginning of the pandemic, he kept us apprized of new protocols and developments which were implemented by Governor Pritzker. (Shelter-in-Place/ Safer at Home) with clarity on how these protocols affect our job and mission at the FDA in Chicago.

He allowed us access to the Covid-19 Worldwide Situation Reports so that we better understood the pandemic and the Government's response to it. He kept us connected through emails/ specialized trainings/ and all-hands meetings and encouraged us to stay connected for the sake of our safety (and sanity!)

While we were still teleworking and under corona virus prevention efforts, for several months he communicated with us about the protests surrounding George Floyd's death, and the street closures and safety measures being taken in the city, should we need to go to the District Office. With this, he scheduled an EAP presentation on Stress and Trauma for all of us to attend.

This list continues, but I just want to say that Mr. Weissinger has been an exceptional leader in his efforts to keep all of us together and informed. He continues to keep us up-to-date about Covid-19 Vaccination efforts and I feel that he truly cares about the health and well-being of his team.