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**From:** CPH Faculty & Staff on behalf of Marsha Davis

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Dear College of Public Faculty and Staff:

This is an unsettling time for us all. Please know that I am working with the university administration and other Deans on a wide variety of issues related to COVID-19. I will take every possible precaution to ensure that our workplace and community are safe.

With classes suspended for two weeks, please continue to hone your remote instruction skills as we try out our online contingency plan. We're going to have to solve a lot of academic questions on an ad hoc basis, working together to provide the most equitable and reasonable solutions for all our students.

Many of you have contacted me about responsibilities of faculty and staff during the next few weeks. The Provost has stated that additional instructions for faculty and staff will be sent tomorrow. In the College, we are also finalizing our business continuity plan to ensure we are functional in all our areas—finance and administration, faculty and staffing responsibilities, IT support, communication, research, academic affairs, and development.

Finally, I'll be in my office and will sit down and talk to anyone who wants to about the situation: what I know, what I don't know yet. I will listen to your concerns and pass them along. Also, as everyone should be well aware of now, I am never without my iPad. I can confidently say it is possible to have 14 hours a day screen time, every day. Please don't hesitate to email.

I appreciate your hard work and patience. In all our decision making, we will remember that our ethical and moral obligation to our field and to the public's health during this pandemic is paramount, above all else.

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