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Dear Colleagues,

My sincere thanks for your resourceful, energetic efforts over the past two weeks. Thanks to you, HHP courses are now 100% on line. Our students continue to receive excellent instruction. And all of our faculty and staff remain healthy.

May it remain so.

However, the COVID-19 pandemic is a major threat. The CDC recommends that individuals limit viral transmission by frequent handwashing, use of hand sanitizer, covering coughs, and wiping down surfaces. Institutions can help via policies that promote social distancing. To that end, HHP is adopting four new practices, effective immediately:

1. Please limit face-to-face meetings to five people or less and keep a safe distance – six feet or more – among participants.
2. Use Zoom for meetings of six or more people. Pete Calamore or Mike Wrenne can help you set this up.
3. Faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to work from home if feasible. Please speak with your immediate supervisor to explore this option. Dan Connaughton can advise on the details.
4. Laboratory directors are encouraged to maximize social distancing among research personnel. Tactics might include staggering work hours, maximizing space between work stations, and allowing personnel to perform tasks from home, e.g., literature reviews, data analysis, manuscript preparation, etc.

Please contact me if you have questions or concerns about any of these measures.

With great respect,

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