December 15, 2020

Dear Students,

I hope this email finds you well as you complete your final exams and transition to a well-deserved break from your studies. I am writing to share important information regarding adjustments to the plans for arriving to campus for the spring semester. Please note this information does not apply to students who will be studying in a fully remote capacity in the spring. If you will be studying in a fully remote capacity in the spring, please make sure you complete the Remote Attendance Request Form.

As you are aware, the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, and increasing cases across the country have resulted in added restrictions and protocols in many states and localities, including in Virginia where Governor Northam recently issued an executive order introducing new mitigation measures to slow the spread of COVID-19. The order will remain in effect until Jan. 31, 2021.

Classes will begin as scheduled Jan. 19. Given the increase in cases nationally and in Virginia, however, it is necessary to extend the spring arrival schedule in order to allow additional time for COVID-19 testing and to maximize the resources available to respond to any positive cases among arriving students. This adjustment will ensure adherence to our health and safety protocols and support a safe return to campus and the in-person experience.

Please carefully consult the information below regarding the new testing schedule. All non-remote students must register for a time slot for testing.

**Updated Spring Testing Schedule**

Note: this information does not apply to students planning to study fully remote in the spring.

Monday, January 11 through Friday, January 15th

- Testing will occur between 12pm and 7pm daily. All Law students who are not remote and are registered to take classes in person should complete this form to sign up for testing.

**Spring Term Opening Requirements and Guidelines**

- All students will be required to be tested for COVID-19 by the University and receive a negative result before taking classes on campus.
- All students must register for a time slot for testing and arrive for a test only during that time slot.
- Students will be permitted to change their time slot up to 72 hours in advance.
- More information about the testing process, location, and requirements will be made available soon.

I appreciate your understanding and commitment to adapting to these adjustments to ensure the safe return of our students to in-person learning. We wish you and your family the best during these challenging times and the holiday season. Thank you for your continued partnership, and I look forward to seeing you in January.

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