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Dear Students,

Thank you again for your perseverance and goodwill as the University was able to complete a safe fall 2020 semester.

As we look forward to having you back on campus in the Spring and the start of classes on January 19, 2021, I write with information regarding health and safety for the spring semester. We are counting on the entire campus community to continue rigorous adherence to the University’s COVID-19 response protocols.

Successful strategies from the fall will continue to be employed, including testing upon arrival for all full-time, degree seeking students prior to the start of spring classes; however, given the increase in cases nationally and in Virginia, it is necessary to make some adjustments and ask our community to fully recommit to keeping our community safe.

For your own health and well-being, and that of other students, faculty, and staff, you should self-quarantine for 10 days prior to returning to campus by staying at home to the fullest extent possible, avoiding large crowds and gatherings, avoiding unnecessary travel, washing hands often, wearing a face covering, and keeping safe distance from other people who do not live with you (at least 6 feet apart).

Additionally, please note these key changes for the spring semester:

- **Calendar changes** for the spring semester. As you know, there will be no spring break in order to protect our campus community from COVID-19 and allow for the later start to the spring semester.
- Unlike the fall, students **cannot** be exempted from testing by providing the results of a test taken prior to arrival. Details regarding the Spring 2021 return testing process will be made available in early January.
- All students are required to sign and abide by a new version of the Healthy Web Compact, which includes several changes reflecting important lessons learned from the fall semester. You must be connected to your **VPN** to view the Compact if off campus.
- New interim conduct policies are being implemented to address health and safety concerns.

Additional information provided below. Looking forward to welcoming you back to campus in January, and to another safe and academically enriching semester. All of this begins with a strong and secure start. Thank you for this continued commitment during these unprecedented times. Be well, stay safe, and see you soon.

Sincerely,

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**SPRING START ADDITIONAL DETAILS**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND SPRING PLAN**
The University of Richmond will continue to follow its Reopening Plan, which was submitted to and approved by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. This plan has been updated for the spring semester and continues to drive our health and safety protocols, including our face covering and physical distancing requirements, COVID-19 testing and contact tracing, isolation and quarantine, cleaning and disinfection practices, and more. The University’s Physical Distance Framework remains in place. Once again, we will begin the semester in the Red Stage.

**THE HEALTHY WEB COMPACT**
As in the fall, in support of shared responsibility to keep our campus safe, all students who wish to return to campus in the spring must sign and abide by our Healthy Web Compact. You can access the new Compact via this link. You must be connected to your VPN to view the Compact if off campus. The Compact provides an overview of the actions all Spiders need to take to ensure the safety of our web. These steps include performing daily health checks, practicing physical distancing, wearing a face covering, and letting University officials know if you are not feeling well or may have been exposed to the virus. A paramount component of our prevention strategies, which is emphasized in revisions to the Compact, is disclosing to University officials when you have been tested for COVID-19 off campus and the results of that test. We must remain steadfast in our isolation, quarantine, and contract tracing protocols to ensure we are keeping our community safe. Full disclosure of symptoms, potential exposures, and positive test results is a responsibility of all community members, including students, and essential to these efforts.

**CHANGES TO CONDUCT POLICIES**
In the fall, we instituted interim student conduct policies to help encourage students to abide by the Healthy Web Compact, the Physical Distance Framework, and other health and safety policies and protocols. We are updating these policies, which will be shared in early January, to reflect areas that created concern in the fall. The updated policies will be posted to the COVID-19 website and all students should become familiar with these policies, as they are a reminder that there will be consequences for putting the health and safety of other Spiders in jeopardy.

**PRE-ARRIVAL SYMPTOM TRACKING & TESTING UPON ARRIVAL ON CAMPUS**
We want to make sure that students are healthy and well when they return to campus. As a result, all students must monitor their temperature and symptoms via the daily symptom tracker you receive each day. All full-time, degree seeking students returning to our campus will be required to be tested for COVID-19 prior to the start of spring classes. All students must be tested on campus. Unlike the fall, students cannot be exempted from testing by providing the results of a test taken prior to arrival. However, students who have tested positive for COVID-19 within 90 days of their arrival on campus and who have provided or will provide documentation of such a test, will be exempted from initial screening testing on campus. Please continue to use the Student Health portal to upload documentation of any positive test. Law students will be tested between January 11th and January 15th and must sign up for a testing appointment using this link.

For a host of additional information regarding our health and safety plans, please visit the University’s COVID-19 Response website.

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