Dear Johns Hopkins Community:

Following up on my email yesterday about our ongoing planning efforts, I am pleased, on behalf of the 2020 Academic Programs Continuity Workgroup, to let you know we have posted the latest in a series of guidance documents related to resuming on-site activities in a multiphased approach. The Johns Hopkins University Return to Campus Instructional Guidelines focus on a number of options for accommodating the needs of instructors and students, maintaining health and safety in the learning environment, and preparing to use a combination of on-site and remote/online teaching modalities.

This document is intended to be read in conjunction with the Return to Campus Guide, which addresses such topics as maintaining an inclusive workplace, altered staffing and scheduling plans, significantly augmented cleaning protocols, required physical distancing, and universal face coverings. Both documents are now open for community feedback and will serve to inform operational planning at the divisional and departmental levels when the university moves into its next phases of activity.

Our next virtual town hall will be held at 10:30 a.m. EDT on Friday, June 5, to discuss the instructional guidelines. You can submit questions in advance at covidtownhall@jhu.edu. If you cannot attend, you can provide feedback on all aspects of the planning process through the online comment form. Students are also encouraged to reach out to members of the Student Advisory Committee. All town hall events are archived on the 2020 Planning webpages and available for viewing at your convenience.

As a reminder, in the near-term, any resumption of activity will remain limited to those functions that require a person to be on site. All work or learning that can be accomplished remotely should continue to be done at home, and people should be at JHU locations only for the time periods necessary to accomplish their required tasks.

Thank you for your questions, feedback, and support as faculty, staff, and students across the university work through a wide range of complex issues so we can be as prepared as possible to resume university activities in this challenging new environment.

Sincerely,

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