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EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLORS/PROVOSTS

Dear Colleagues:

As you know, given the situation with COVID-19 (coronavirus) and the University's coordinated efforts to protect student and employee health and safety, last month I announced suspension of the UC Washington Program (UCDC) for the spring 2020 academic quarter. Given where we are now, with significant measures for social distancing in place throughout the country, and with no certainty about containment of the virus, we must again consider whether UCDC should offer a residential program this summer.

In consulting with UCDC Executive Director Shapiro, I learned that while predictions on how COVID-19 will affect the Washington, DC area vary, one recent study projects a peak of the virus in July. As stated in my previous communication regarding UCDC's spring 2020 quarter, we have limited ability to isolate any individual or to quarantine others, as needed, should a student test positive for the virus.

Therefore, I'm writing to you now to inform you of my decision to suspend the residential summer 2020 UC Washington Program. In addition to consulting with Executive Director Shapiro, Vice Provost Susan Carlson and UCDC's Governing Council Chair David Marshall and the Academic Advisory Committee's chair Matt Beckmann are in consensus that the building should remain closed for the summer. Note that since UCDC does not offer summer courses, and some internships will be offered remotely, some students will still be able to receive academic credit for those internships if they so desire.

Executive Director Shapiro will be communicating with students directly regarding the decision to cancel the summer 2020 residential program. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, Executive Director Shapiro, or Vice Provost Carlson directly.

Sincerely,

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cc: Vice Provost Carlson
Executive Director Shapiro