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Students,

Welcome to the Fall 2020 semester at USC Upstate! Whether you are a freshman or a returning student, you've chosen very well and ... you are experiencing college during unprecedented times.

Even in the midst of uncertainty created by a global pandemic, our university community will encourage you to grow intellectually, socially and emotionally to prepare you for work, life and citizenship. We will adapt to new ways of teaching and learning. ***But, the most important thing we must accomplish together this fall is to remain safe and healthy.***

To that end, we have created a [Spartan Pledge](#) that we ask you all to support. By submitting your name, you are joining a large contingent of students, faculty and staff who are committed to making this a productive, fun and safe semester. You are pledging to protect your own health and that of others. The Spartan Pledge form may be accessed on the university's dedicated [COVID-19 Resources](#) pages.

Mr. Adib Kapasi, president of Student Government, will be communicating with you about a related new initiative called the #iPledge Upstate Movement. You will be receiving additional information about how to engage in this creative social media campaign.

My sincerest thanks to you for working with us to keep this special campus community safe.

Go Spartans!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Derham Cole".

J. Derham Cole  
Interim Chancellor



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