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A Message From the Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Public Health

Dear Colleagues,

As you know, your health and safety are top of mind as we begin a new academic year. I appreciate all the preparations individuals and departments across campus have taken to begin the semester. I have been working closely with members of the university's COVID-19 Response Team, and would like to share the following information with you:

- We have added to our dedicated [COVID-19 Resources](#) pages additional information about the data and benchmarks we'll use to inform decision-making as we move through the fall semester. We will post numbers of cases reported on and off campus weekly, utilizing a dynamic chart we've embedded on the site.
- The COVID-19 Response Team is reviewing and addressing concerns submitted in the Unsafe Conditions Feedback Form.
- If you have been identified through contact tracing as someone who has been exposed to a positive case on campus, **you will be notified by Health Services professionals**. If you are ill, or have concerns about recent exposure, please stay home and call Health Services at (864) 503-5191.
- It is imperative that everyone continue to wear face coverings when in any common areas on campus, including congregate areas outdoors. In doing so, we protect ourselves and our community, and serve as a positive, consistent role model for students.
- Please understand that your participation in large gatherings on or off campus endangers your health and that of others. You are advised to maintain distance and wear a face covering when attending any group events, and attend virtually when possible.

- COVID-19 testing without a clinician's order is available to our campus community in partnership with Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System. Regional's high-volume, drive-through testing center is located in downtown Spartanburg at 1035 North Church Street, just 3.5 miles from campus. USC Upstate Health Services currently has capacity to test students who lack transportation to the Spartanburg Regional testing site.
- An employee flu clinic will be hosted by Health Services early this fall. We will notify faculty and staff when the date and location are finalized.

If you have questions, please refer to the [COVID-19 Resources](#) pages on the university website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary D. Bucher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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