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Dear Colleague,

I hope all is well with you and your families. I also hope your research/scholarship activities are going well in this strange environment.

Thank you all for being so responsive and submitting your research plans and approvals for undergraduate research. We had a minor disconnect regarding students working remotely that was resolved immediately by Nicole Carr. Initially, the directive was that students were not permitted to work remotely.

To follow up, for those of you who have or will have any undergraduate students working remotely I need a plan for how you are supervising those students. Please include the hours you have scheduled them to work and details on how you are supervising their remote work. Just adjust the research plan that you sent to me and include the information under the section on the plan under "Requesting Undergraduate Research Access" and send it back to me.

Michael Chambers along with SoC, Andy Byrd, David Furman and Chris Cannon, are working on some guidance regarding remote work, in particular regarding computing work. We will get this out today.

Also, we have confirmed that most sponsors will continue to cover salaries and wages and in some cases SPA has contacted the sponsoring agency. We are still waiting for specific guidance from DoD, but at this point it does look like their guidance is that salaries and wages will be covered. We have a follow up webinar today on DoD. I will keep you all posted.

Stay well,

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