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To All ACHE Staff and Faculty:

I hope you are all staying safe and healthy. We are continuously assessing the COVID-19 situation as it affects ACHE locally, as well as its impact from the national level, particularly considering travel required by our students from all parts of the country.

For those who are unfamiliar with Arkansas' plans for phasing the state back to a pre-COVID status, the Governor has targeted May 4, 2020, to "reopen" Arkansas according to federally issued guidelines. While we, at ACHE, are not necessarily bound by the May 4 date, it is a guide by which we can make certain decisions. Based on this timeline, we have determined that the curriculum will continue to be delivered online through the end of the semester for MSB, OMS1 and OMS3 students. We have a particularly interesting and exciting potential opportunity for our OMS3 students which we are exploring for the remainder of their semester. This message has been sent to all students and you have been copied on that message.

As for staff and faculty, our plan is to have everyone return to campus by June 1 in phases beginning mid-May, with the caveat that it will be safe for us all to return. Managers of staff should identify those employees who need to return in May and those whose return can wait until June. For faculty, all program deans should work with their subordinate hierarchy to make similar decisions to bring back faculty according to the time needed to prepare for the beginning of the academic year.

Again, assuming that conditions are safe for everyone's return, we anticipate that we will be in full operation with appropriate precautions continued to be enforced. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the foregoing.

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I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'BK', is positioned below the text 'Best.'.

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