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Dear ACHE Community,

In recent days, we have seen an increase in COVID-19 activity in our state and our county specifically. Most notably, we have seen an increase in our campus presumed positive case count in recent days. It is important you know how campus community is defined. The campus community is made up of all ACHE students, faculty, and staff. We have ACHE students, faculty, and staff located here on campus, at a variety of rotation locations including numbers of clinics, offices, and hospitals. This is not to diminish the increased numbers on our campus. This is only to tell you that our campus community reaches beyond our physical campus borders. Additionally, we have updated the language on the COVID-19 Dashboard for clarity.

It is equally important to remind you of our new COVID-19 Campus Protocols posted 8.3.20 and 8.6.20 both for on-campus students and for clinical students off-campus. These new protocols, located on the [COVID-19 Dashboard](#), were developed in the COVID-19 Response Task Force and involve clinical experts from our own faculty. The clinical experts working with our campus community cases, as well as the task force members, spend countless hours in ensuring we are providing the safest environment possible while still ensuring you can receive the educational experiences you need to stay enrolled as a student and future health care professional. The clinical experts speak with each and every case to ensure sound medical advice and care is provided.

You and I share the same role in protecting ourselves, each other, and our community. I remind each of you to be both mindful and assiduous in practicing safety precautions. Whether you are here on campus or out in a rotation setting, what you do outside of the educational environment impacts those around you when you return. I challenge us all to be as diligent with our safety precautions off campus as we are when we are here.

We know these are unsettling times. We will likely see more cases in our own community. We cannot give you absolutes about COVID-19, but we can assure you that ACHE takes you and the safety of our community seriously. That is the one absolute we can promise to you.

Sincerely,

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