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Hello

I wanted to follow up after several of you may have just seen the communication from Chancellor Blank regarding furloughs and other measures related to staffing. I know that many of you are anxious and scared. The recent challenges we have been enduring together have been exceptional historically and far-reaching personally. I have witnessed your immense strength and focus, as you navigate all that is placed upon you. Despite feelings of doubt, separation and frustration, you have adapted quickly and shown tremendous flexibility in carrying out our mission.

Of course, we cannot know with certainty what the future holds. What I do know with certainty, is that I commit to each of you, full transparency and unyielding support as we continue to move forward in the months to come. These staffing measures we are taking as a University and Division will effect each and every one of us in some way, as we try to balance stewardship with a mindful and balanced approach. Divisional decisions were made thoughtfully, using the guidance coming from campus. Our departmental directors and I have been working hard to make sure we can address every question you may have. My expectation is to immediately set up time within our individual units across the Division for you to talk with your supervisors. Getting you all the information is our number one priority. Thursday and Friday our Housing HR WebEx sessions will be dedicated to walking through details of furlough, and other HR impacts listed in the Chancellors message, and to continue answering your questions. I strongly encourage each of you to participate in these, as well as the additional WebEx sessions being scheduled for next week.

We are doing everything we can to get through this together, safely, as one University Housing. Thank you all for your patience, courage, and commitment. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything you need. Jeff

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