Dear PVM Faculty, Staff, and Students,

I am writing to you following several teleconferences that have taken place over the weekend with PVM leadership about how best to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19 within the PVM complex, including its teaching hospitals and the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. We know that many students, faculty and staff are returning this weekend from planned trips over the spring break period. We also know that the environment from which many of you left is vastly different than the environment to which you return. Federal, state, local and Purdue guidance and restrictions change nearly every day, and we are doing our very best to use that guidance and our own knowledge to establish best practices for our College.

Thus, I want to clearly state several rules that all College students, staff and faculty must adhere to until further notice:

- If you feel sick, you must stay home.
- If you are returning from a Level 3 travel advisory country, you must self-quarantine for a period of 14 days.
- Due to the unique nature of our work and the close collaborations in relatively small spaces that it entails, even if you are returning from any other regions outside of Indiana, you may not return to the College for a period of 14 days from the day you returned to Indiana.
- Once your 14-day period has expired, if you are experiencing no cold or flu-like symptoms, you may return to the College.
- All students, staff and faculty who are able to work on campus must continue to observe rules for safe social distancing and vigorous hygiene that is necessary in our unique positions.
- Students who are returning to clean out their lockers for the rest of the semester may do so as long as they are not ill, minimize the time they are in the Lynn Hall complex, and practice social distancing.

I ask that staff contact their supervisor, faculty contact their Department Head, Veterinary Nursing students contact the Veterinary Nursing Program Office, and DVM students contact Student Services for the specific actions you need to take should these rules apply to you.

These are challenging times, and unfortunately many actions are necessary to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and protect public health. I ask for everyone’s understanding as we address this
unprecedented public health crisis.

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