CHS family,

As stores and restaurants begin to open across Phoenix, you are probably wondering about ASU’s plans to reopen our campuses. I assure you that leaders across the university are evaluating all aspects of returning to campus. As always, we will follow the direction of ASU, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Arizona Department of Health Services while working to uphold the health and safety of our CHS community. Our CHS core values of health and respect will guide our decisions, and we will need your help as we plan.

Defining safety

While we wait for guidelines and policies from ASU, I would like to hear your thoughts and concerns about health and safety at CHS. As employees, what is your definition of a safe working environment? What do our students and their parents need to feel reassured about their safety on our campuses? What will make you feel safe and not safe? Given what you know about our work environment, what are the issues that you believe must be considered for you to feel “safe” at work, including coming to work and going back home?

Please share your thoughts, concerns and ideas about how we can assure the on-campus safety of our faculty, staff and students by emailing me at CHSDean@asu.edu. While I may not be able to respond to every message, I will read them all and take your ideas into consideration as we plan for our return. As you can imagine, I am spending most of my waking hours – and some sleeping hours – thinking about this, and I truly want to hear your thoughts and suggestions.

Doing more remotely

While we have been home staying safe, we are certainly not playing it safe! On the contrary, we have been trying new things and accomplishing so much while physically distanced. A few recent points of pride:

- **National COVID-19 Diagnostics Summit:** Last Friday, May 22, CHS convened 63 key opinion leaders from academia, industry, public health, clinical care and government to discuss how diagnostic tools can be best employed to reopen society. Read more.
- **2020 Integrated Behavioral Health Care Conference:** Our annual conference moved online, offering a full day of professional learning on integrating population health and behavioral health care. Each of the day’s four sessions had almost 100 attendees, on par with attendance at past in-person conferences.
- **Health Talks:** When our speaker series moved online and shifted to issues pertaining to
COVID-19, such as causes, testing, diagnostics, nutrition and vulnerable populations, participation has increased up to tenfold. Attendance has ranged from 150-300 per talk, and we will continue to offer Health Talks through the summer.

Stay safe, stay well and stay in touch. And for the kids, enjoy this week’s story time featuring the 1939 classic Madeline.

Warm regards,

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