Dear CHS family,

The social isolation really hit home for me this week. We officially closed our research laboratories, we were told to further reduce our presence on campus, building access is restricted, and the fifth floor of Health North is extremely quiet and empty.

This week brings the holidays of Passover and Easter. These are often joyous times when families get together and celebrate their culture and their love for each other. Some children hunt for Easter eggs and, in my home, they hunt for hidden matzo. Wednesday night was the first night of Passover. It is usually a bustling, fun-filled evening with a lot of reflection and laughter. All of us worked hard on Tuesday night to prepare the ritual foods that include symbols of spring and rebirth.

The story of Passover is even more relevant this year because it describes the impact of plagues and the perseverence of a small, tight community who somehow survives trials and tribulations, eventually reaching a safer place. Wednesday night we recounted this story with our family, using Zoom. It wasn’t the same, but at least we were together sharing our family lore and reaffirming our love for each other.

Here at the College of Health Solutions, we finish the fourth week of providing students with an excellent education using many different types of technology. I am so appreciative of the fact that I am part of a community that works together and perseveres. I know we will move forward with an ever greater appreciation for one another and all that we have accomplished.

Warm regards,

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