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Dear Friends of International Students,

We hope you're staying healthy during this challenging time. We're writing to share some updates from campus regarding COVID-19.

Spring Term has resumed, and all Middlebury students have transitioned to remote learning. Students who were approved to stay on campus have been consolidated to certain dorms and **must reside in their rooms continuously to retain their ability to stay in campus housing**. *(Please note: If a student leaves campus and sleeps elsewhere, they are not allowed to return to their lodging on campus. This is to protect the student and the on-campus community.)* These students continue to receive the essential services they need to remain well on campus, while practicing social distancing and abiding by the VT Governor's "stay home, stay safe" [guidelines](#).

We know that many of you assisted students with their transitions off campus. It was a busy time, and a lot happened in the course of a few days. We know that some of the communications that students received were confusing, and many were uncertain about whether to depart campus or not. After the initial wave of departures, some of the students approved to stay decided to return home as well. Many were able to make it to their home countries before the extensive travel restrictions took hold. We now have about 100 students who are living on campus.

Thank you to those of you who reached out to ISSS to offer support to our international students, especially the ones who remain on campus. We appreciate your kindness, yet we want to remind you that **no visitors are permitted on campus with the exception of essential business partners (food service deliveries, essential vendors)**. **Host families cannot visit or bring food to students**. Again, this is to help us sustain a safe environment for our students. We encourage you to reach out to your host student(s) via virtual means, i.e. phone calls, texts and video conferencing. Wherever your student may be, stay connected. We know they will appreciate it.

Some of you have asked what else you can do to assist students. The College has created a Middlebury Student Emergency Fund that is being used to help students with various costs associated with the COVID-19 campus closure. For those who are interested in this opportunity to give, click [here](#).

We encourage you to stay up-to-date on the College's COVID-19 response as well as the State of Vermont's guidance. Find the latest news here:

- General campus announcements: <http://go.middlebury.edu/covid19>
- ISSS FAQ page: <http://www.middlebury.edu/international/iss/iss-covid-19-faq>
- Student Life news: <http://www.middlebury.edu/student-life/fag-covid-19-updates>
- State of Vermont guidance: <https://governor.vermont.gov/covid19response>

The ISSS team is currently working remotely from home during our regular business hours (8:30 am-5:00 pm Eastern Time). Please feel free to reach out to us via phone at 802-443-5858 or by email at [iss@middlebury.edu](mailto:iss@middlebury.edu).

Best wishes for continued good health, and we'll be in touch again soon!

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