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To: The Catholic University of America ALO and On-Site Evaluation Team Members
From: Middle States Commission on Higher Education
Re: Notice from MSCHE on Reported Case of COVID-19 at The Catholic University of America
Date: March 23, 2020

The coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to be a global concern, and the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) has been monitoring announcements and updates from its member institutions. MSCHE understands that this is a difficult time for institutions and is committed to working with all impacted MSCHE members and peer evaluators.

The Commission did host a number of visits earlier this spring, including team visits and staff visits, as well as events in February and an event as recent as March 10. The Commission has asked that potential exposure to our staff or any representatives of the Commission during a visit be shared with us by email at communications@msche.org. We will distribute information accordingly.

To that end, the Commission has learned that the president of The Catholic University of America has since tested positive for COVID-19: <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2020/mar/19/john-garvey-catholic-university-president-tests-po/>

Out of an abundance of caution, the Commission asks that the institution include team members, as appropriate, in any future communications related to this situation. Team members should follow the advice of medical professionals and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as appropriate to this situation.

Please be assured of the continuing interest of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education in the safety, health, and well-being of our member institutions, their faculty, staff, and students, and all who contribute to peer review.

Additional Resources

MSCHE: www.msche.org/COVID-19

U.S. Department of Education: <https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus>

Download a pdf of this memo at <https://go.msche.org/20203023-Notice-on-Reported-COVID-19-at-CatholicU>