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Dear AmeriCorps Member,

When you signed up for AmeriCorps, you wanted to help your community and knew it wouldn't be easy. You were chosen because you know how to face adversity, rise to meet challenges, and get things done.

But no one predicted our current situation.

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak is going to change life in America significantly for the immediate future. As Director of the AmeriCorps State and National program, we wanted to share a few important updates.

First and foremost, please understand that the health and safety of our AmeriCorps members is our top priority. We are carefully monitoring the situation and following the advice of federal, state and local health departments.

You were called to serve. Today, the most important thing you can do is to help slow the spread of the coronavirus. We ask that you familiarize yourself with the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on how you can protect yourself and others.

You may have many questions around how the current situation affects your service. Please ask your program director. We are also addressing questions as quickly as we can. We have provided answers to frequently asked questions and posted them to our website at NationalService.gov/coronavirus. Another resource is your State Service Commission.

The situation is evolving rapidly, difficult decisions will need to be made. We are pursuing every avenue to help you address the issues posed by this pandemic. Please check back frequently for the latest information.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Chester W. Spellman
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