



April 15, 2020

To whom it may concern,

On March 10, 2020, the Duke University President, Dr. Vincent Price, shared the following announcement with the Duke University community of faculty, staff and students. The announcement can be found at the webpage: <https://coronavirus.duke.edu/>

*Officials at Duke, along with health officials worldwide, are actively monitoring the local and global health status of the novel coronavirus that causes the COVID-19 disease. Duke has taken proactive steps to minimize health and safety risks to Duke students, faculty, staff and the larger community.*

*During this time, Duke University and Duke Health remain open, and many of our operations and activities are ongoing, though with adjustments to working conditions.*

*Here are some of the steps Duke has taken:*

- ***In-person classes are being moved to a virtual format until further notice***
- *The Duke Chapel, Sarah P. Duke Gardens, Nasher Museum of Art, Duke Lemur Center, Rubenstein Arts Center, Athletics Hall of Fame, and Karsh Alumni and Visitors Center are all closed to visitors until further notice.*
- *All on-campus events – including Admissions tours, Chapel services, events at the Museum and Duke Gardens, and all athletic events – have been cancelled*
- *The university has implemented travel restrictions and guidance*
- *Resources for teaching and learning from a distance and working remotely have been put in place*
- *Duke Health is sharing resources to help patients and community members help prevent the spread of COVID-19*

The changes in instruction modality and travel restrictions have several implications for our students. I appreciate your consideration of their requests. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie Howard".

Valerie M. Howard EdD, MSN, RN, CNE, ANEF, FAAN  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs  
Professor of Nursing