Dear LHSON Students returning for Face-to-Face education this Fall,

We are so eager to see you in person this month! I know this is a very unusual time for all of us, but we are sincerely committed to giving you a great educational experience at Baylor despite COVID-19. Circumstances have been changing on a regular basis, but we think our activities are now set enough that we can outline some details for you.

Also, I know there has been frequent communication sent this summer from Baylor University in Waco to keep you updated about COVID-19 precautionary plans. However, not all the information was applicable for us here in Dallas. So, if you ever need clarification about COVID-19 topics sent from Waco, please let us know.

Changes Since May

- **New BSWHealth Neighbors**
  The new BSWHealth Administration Building next door to our LHSON Academic Building is complete and some of their employees have already moved in.

- **Roadway Access Update**
  The four way stop at N. Washington and Race St. has been removed. So, be careful leaving our parking lot as BSWHealth employees may also be entering/exitng Race St. Plus, turning left onto N. Washington can be challenging at times so be extra alert.

- **Outdoor Seating**
  We have placed benches and picnic tables around the building since students will need to go outside for eating and drinking and taking breaks. Students cannot eat or drink during class or labs. We will allow frequent breaks (approximately every 50 minutes). Water fountains are for bottle filling only.

- **Improved Building Utilities**
  After two years of working on reworking our building utilities, we FINALLY have hot water in the Academic Building!

- **Grace for Students Affected by COVID-19**
  We will be giving grace to students if COVID-19 has affected them. Do not come to school if you have symptoms. Please self-monitor every morning before coming to school.

Returning to the LHSON Buildings

- **COVID-19 Reminders**
  Face coverings will be required at all times when inside the building. You may eat and drink outside. The café will allow for a reduced number of people. Chairs have been removed to avoid more in attendance than allowed. Social distancing of 6 feet is expected everywhere. Please self-monitor and do not come to our building if you are not well. We all need to remind each other of these expectations.

- **COVID-19 Testing for the LHSON**
  As a reminder, the LHSON is handling COVID testing differently than the BU Waco campus. We are working with a lab here in Dallas and our testing is being done here on our campus. No kits will be mailed to you. COVID-19 tests need to be completed within a 7-day window leading up to your arrival on campus. A negative COVID-19 test is required for a return to a Baylor on-campus building. If you still have not scheduled your COVID-19 test, email Monica_Mullins@baylor.edu

- **Parking Garage**
  Everyone has access to the parking garage and the buildings BUT you must be tested for COVID-19 within 7 days of returning.

- **Personal Protective Equipment**
  LHSON will provide the PPE required for labs and clinicals. Each hospital has their own requirements, but we have spent the summer finding you great clinical sites and determining what supplies you will need.

To learn more about specific LHSON Covid-19 information, please visit https://www.baylor.edu/nursing/covid19. To learn about everything Baylor University is doing to address COVID-19, please visit baylor.edu/coronavirus. Thank you for all that you are doing to follow your calling to be a nurse. You are a blessing to us and we are here for you.

Sincerely,

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