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Dear MSU students:

Your physical health and well-being are critically important to me and to MSU. I know the global COVID pandemic is affecting you in ways that restrict your movements, and, in some cases, you may have been exposed or have symptoms. The circumstances of isolation may also weigh on your mental health. Know that I care about you and if you need anything, I’m happy to hear from you and help navigate you toward resources that can make a meaningful difference in your life.

As important to me is your intellectual health. I hope you are able to pursue your degrees and perhaps even developing new and independent lines of work. Our advisors and mentors are ready to assist. Again, please reach out. We want you to succeed academically even under the current circumstances.

As the leader of our academic community, I ache for each of you and for our inability to be together on campus in the ways that we have gathered on campus since 1855. Know that I care. I recognize that the quarantine and distance adds to the already difficult and disappointing situation in which we find ourselves. If there is anything the university could do to help support you during this time, I hope you will not hesitate to make it known to me by emailing provost@msu.edu.

My best,

Provost Teresa Woodruff