Dear Students,

A lot has happened in the week since our courses went online, and the situation continues to change rapidly. We want you to know that our prime concern is for your health and fundamental well-being—as well as your academic learning.

We expect that you are carefully evaluating your individual situations, and we honor and respect the decisions you are currently making about your coursework. We acknowledge that each of you has your own situation to consider, relevant to your personal health and immune systems, your concerns about contracting COVID-19 and your assessment of risk, and your proximity to others whose health may be compromised.

We want to assure you that throughout this tumultuous time we commit to helping you in any way that we can. Please take special care of your whole selves – get plenty of rest, follow the general guidelines for illness prevention, and check in with yourself to monitor your emotional health response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff, faculty, classmates, families are all out there for you.

Academic advising continues to be fully available through online means. If you have questions or would like to talk with someone as we navigate this tumultuous time, please reach out to our advising team (Amanda, Aaron, Marjorie and Laura) at ds-advising@berkeley.edu. See below for additional details about how to access our virtual advising services.

We will get through this, and we will keep you updated as the campus decisions about courses, exams, grading, and graduation are announced. Campus has created a COVID19 portal for our reference; it has sections on instruction, student life and events and is updated regularly.

Take Care,

Deb Nolan
Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education
And the Data Science Education Staff

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**Data Science Advising Appointments**

As usual, students may schedule online Google Hangouts appointments via CalCentral up to one week in advance. We are not currently offering in-person appointments.

**Data Science Drop-in Advising**

Data Science Drop-in Advising is taking place online on Google Hangouts. Visit our [Data Science Advising webpage](#) to check the drop-in schedule, and access the sign-in list during drop-in hours.

**Data Science Peer Advising**

Data Science Peer Advisors are still available to respond to questions through the Data 001 Piazza page and email (ds-peer-advising@berkeley.edu). Feel free to reach out for any data science related questions through these online options!
Data Science Career Peer Advising
Searching for a job or an internship and have questions about the process? Our Data Science student Career Analyst Intern will be having virtual advising appointments. Get resume advice, run through a mock interview, or ask any other questions you have regarding careers in Data Science! Sign up here: https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/zbzju