



March 11, 2020

Dear GSS Students, Field Instructors and Field Advisors,

During this unusual Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, the health and safety of our community is our highest priority. In order to ensure the well-being of all our students, the Graduate School of Social Service (GSS) has decided to **temporarily suspend Field placements beginning tomorrow, Thursday, March 12th through Sunday, April 5th**. GSS will reevaluate our circumstances and inform students of the next steps on or before April 5th.

Understanding that this decision to suspend Field will have an immediate impact on agencies and clients. We are asking that all students work closely with their Field Instructors to follow professional guidelines and best practices regarding any suspension of activities or termination of the worker-client relationship.

GSS is committed to preserving the integrity of the learning process for all students and to preventing any serious interruptions particularly those scheduled to graduate in May 2020. **We ask every student to ensure they submit their up-to-date attendance logs to their Field Advisors.**

We appreciate that this is a stressful time for our entire community. Over the next few weeks, GSS will communicate any new information or updates that become available. In the meantime, we urge you all to take every precaution to guard your health and that of your families.

Sincerely,

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