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Dear applicants,

As Director General of Webster University Geneva, I am writing to all new students who want to join our beautiful campus in Switzerland for our Fall 2020 semester, to share information with you about the current Covid-19 situation and our campus planning.

I am very pleased to share that in spite of our extraordinary and challenging context, we successfully migrated to remote teaching and learning support over the Spring Break week. Our university's extensive experience with online learning and our web-based platforms have been a great asset in this transition.

Webster University and our international campus network have a dedicated Covid-19 Task Force that is assessing the situation daily. The University's leadership and the Task Force first collaborated to ensure the health and safety of students. Now that most of our students are attending classes from home, the task force is working to ensure our University's mission—to provide a transformative learning experience for all students—even as we operate remotely, for the time being.

We have received some very positive feedback from students, who are adapting to this new way of learning and engaging with their professors and classmates. Professors are taking this as an opportunity to explore the latest tools and applications for collaborating with students online. During this time, our other campus teams in Geneva (admissions, academic advising, student affairs, our librarians and career services staff, etc.) are working from home to support their success.

Our dates for transitioning back to in-person (on-campus) instruction will be determined by closely following the Swiss government guidelines and the recommendations of our Geneva public health authorities. We will make our future decisions with the health and safety of our students and staff as our priority.

We remain optimistic that the situation will improve well in advance of our Fall semester. With that in mind, our university will continue its planning, so we can welcome you to campus for orientation. Yet we are also engaged in planning for a scenario that would allow some students to begin the semester by joining classes remotely, if needed—and then to join on campus during the semester once they are ready to do so.

You and your family can be assured that our university colleagues—who have always taken our students' education with a personal approach—will do their best to support you in your transition to university life, and throughout your studies at Webster University Geneva.

Updates on Covid-19 will be posted on our university [home page](#). If you or your family have questions, please reach out to our dedicated admissions team for support.

We look forward to welcoming you to Webster, and to our campus in Switzerland soon.

Warm regards,



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