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WSC Members and Sites:

Our top priority continues to be your health and safety. Please follow the guidelines of health officials. We want all of you to take care of yourselves both physically and emotionally. The [Washington State Department of Health](#) provides the most relevant and up-to-date information on the virus in Washington State.

Stipends and health care will continue, regardless of hours served, and the administrative hold process is discontinued until further notice.

Governor Inslee mandated a *stay home, stay safe* order yesterday. Please review his [website](#) for more information about this mandate. The Governor has identified several [essential functions](#) that are exempt from this order and many of these functions impact AmeriCorps service. For example, anyone assisting in food security or serving vulnerable populations may consider themselves exempt from the order and continue to pursue alternative service options. However, anyone who is deemed [high risk as defined by the CDC](#) is recommended to focus on teleservice and training from home to protect themselves. If you have any questions about service, please seek guidance from your site supervisor and/or your WSC Coordinator.

Teleservice will continue to be an option for members who have sites able to provide the direct service option. Check your training hours too and make sure you are maximizing your training time to fulfill your hours. Also, check our website for [alternative service and teleservice options](#) as they become available.

Finally, the US Congress is considering several measures to support AmeriCorps during this national crisis. We will provide updates to you as they are made available.

Thank you for your continued service. Please refer to our website for additional service options for you to consider.

Stay safe, continue to serve as you can, and contact us with questions.

In service,

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