Dear Colleagues,

Yesterday Governor Baker extended the existing reduced capacity limits for most businesses to a maximum of 25%, limiting outdoor events to 25 people and limiting indoor gatherings, including events, to 10 people for at least two more weeks.

Once again, to align as much as possible with this extension to limit the possibility of spreading the virus, MCLA will extend remote work through Sunday, January 17, 2021. Staff will be expected to return to campus on Monday, January 18, 2021. Further details surrounding spring semester plans, including the student move-in process and testing, will be shared with the campus community early next week.

I hope that you are all able to find some moments of peace amidst the uncertainty of current events and the ongoing pandemic. As I mentioned in my email yesterday, if you are feeling stress, anxiety, depression, or anger about political, national or world events, please remember our free and confidential Employee Assistance Program (EAP) counseling line is open 27/7/365 at 800.252.4555. While EAP counselors do not deal with political issues, they can help us process feelings, deal with stress, and find appropriate ways to handle our emotions.

Thank you, Barb

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