

Dear CED community:

As you all know, we are going through an unprecedented time in recent history. Your safety and wellbeing are and always will be our priority!

UGA has provided us with a clear pathway on how to fulfill our instructional, research, and service commitments. Our faculty are fully prepared to transition to online instruction and are looking forward to new teaching, learning, and engagement opportunities while maintaining the highest standard of instruction. Our staff are working equally hard using all available means of communication in compliance with our business continuity plan. We will work with our students and other stakeholders in ways that provide the greatest flexibility and respect for personal, work, and family circumstances.

Although we will not be able to complete our year-long celebration of our 50th Anniversary in April 2020, we are looking forward to rescheduling most of the events and activities in the Fall of 2020.

This is an unsettling time for us all, so I urge everyone to make daily decisions with the highest regard for others, and empathy and understanding. Please continue to follow all pertinent university, local, state, and federal instructions. Feel free to contact me via email at sonia.hirt@uga.edu or phone (my phone messages are getting forwarded).

The College of Environment and Design remains fully *Prepared to Shape our World*.

Thank you and Go Dawgs!

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