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To: UAF Staff Council Executive Board

FROM: Daniel M. White Chancellor

RE: Finding from COVID-19 UAF Staff Remote Accessibility Survey

Thank you for sending me the staff survey data around remote accessibility during the COVID:19 pandemic. I appreciate your bringing staff concerns forward. It is important that staff have the necessary resources and consistent, reliable communication to continue working remotely, wherever that location may be.

With the current changing environment around COVID:19, employees should work with their supervisors to establish their remote working needs and their expectations regarding hours, workload, supplies, and campus access (if necessary and allowable). Campus leadership is encouraging supervisors to work with staff on approaches that best fit the job duties and the department needs.

All buildings remain locked on campus but are accessible by employees via card swipe or key entry. Employees should only be in a facility if they are gathering items to conduct work remotely or if authorized to work on campus. Employees authorized to work on campus either full time or in a reduced hours manner should have received a letter with this information from their supervisor. If they have not, it is important that they contact their supervisor.

With respect to accessing confidential information while working from home, this is also an issue that should be addressed by supervisors. It will likely vary by nature of the materials, the work that is being done,

• OIT has <u>coordinated with MTA</u>, who is waiving all installation fees, and offering free

for all university students and employees.

• GCI has several current offers available: Free upgrades to the next level for current customers through May 31, a free month to try GCI and several other offers that can be accessed here: