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Dear National University Veteran Student,

You recently received <u>notice</u> that National University has extended online instruction until further notice. This extension is a result of guidance and direction from federal, state, and local public health agencies. However, we understand this extension raises questions regarding monthly housing allowance.

As with the transition to online courses for the current term, military students receiving housing allowance will not see their benefits impacted with this move to online instruction for the April through June terms.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) passed a new regulation in August 2019 that allows institutions to offer courses in a hybrid format that provides the same housing allowance benefits as on-site courses. In a hybrid format, faculty and students do not need to meet on-site throughout the term, though a minimum of one face-to-face meeting is needed to ensure the course qualifies for full housing allowance.

National University has committed to providing courses in a hybrid format to reduce the impact on our veteran student population. We will communicate with our veteran students during the term once a meeting time and place has been determined.

Please email <u>veteransaffairs@nu.edu</u> with any questions and continue to visit <u>nu.edu/coronavirus</u> for the latest updates on NU's response to COVID-19.

Sincerely,

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