Enclosed with this memo are the charge and major presentations, reports and summaries of the President’s Advisory Committee on Public Health developed during the period April – May, 2020. As chair of the committee, I am formally transmitting them now at your request for the express purpose of sharing them with our community. I would like to directly acknowledge the significant contributions of the committee members.

These materials were prepared as preliminary and advisory input prior to the University’s June 2020 decision-making. The committee understood its charge (fully described in the enclosed document) to be as follows:

- Leverage campus-wide expertise to provide recommendations on best-practices for conducting a public health informed in-person Fall semester. Deliverables should seek to establish or bolster the campus's public health framework, infrastructure, and practices across all aspects of the student experience, in order to mitigate the risk of an in-person Fall semester for all members of the UM community. Recommendations from this group will be shared with the UM COVID-19 Leadership Group, led by Cynthia Wilbanks, for further deliberation, planning, and implementation.

The materials should be considered as only one part of a dynamic process of exchange, discussion and consultation with University leadership that for many of us has continued since May.

The materials represent our research, analyses and recommendations based on the information and resources available at that time and the framework for AY 2020-21 planning. Certainly, state guidelines in Michigan, federal guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and our knowledge about how to respond to the COVID crisis have changed since that point and continue to develop at a rapid pace. And of course, our input was only one of many sets of expert input in the University’s decision-making. Our recommendations were considered along with the recommendations of other faculty groups such as the provost’s committees and the work of other operational and executive leaders.

We have appreciated the opportunity to lend our scholarly expertise at this critical moment to the efforts of the University and most of those on the committee continue to play active roles in advising both the State of Michigan’s and the University’s response to the pandemic through service on the Campus Health Response Committee and other roles. Thank you for supporting our efforts to serve our community and the University.
On behalf of the President’s Advisory Committee on Public Health:

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- Angela Beck (Assistant Professor of Health Behavior and Health Education and Director of a Public Health Training Center for the state of Michigan)
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- Sharon Kardia (Professor of Epidemiology and Associate Dean for Public Health Education)
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