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Good afternoon SSW students,

I write this as a follow-up to the communication yesterday about your internships. I want to reassure you that we will be working closely with each of you to provide a meaningful experiential field education that meets the requirements of the program and your educational goals. **For those who have made alternative remote arrangements with their Field Instructors and Liaisons, (BSW Seniors, Advanced Standing, and first and second year MSW), please continue with this new plan of experiential learning.**

For BSW Seniors, Advanced Standing Students and Second Year MSW students who cannot negotiate remote assignments in your current internship, the Office of Field Education will work with you to create one that will satisfy the CSWE and NYS regulations as well as your expected graduation date.

If you have an alternate assignment please continue to log hours from home in SONIA. You **DO NOT** have to discontinue your placement if arrangements have already been made with your field instructor to **accommodate changes to remote assignments.**

For first year MSW students we allow several options as follows:

- Complete your 900 required internship hours with remote assignments agreed to by you, your field instructor, and your field liaison
- Completing 17 hours per week during your second year internship; or
- Extending into the summer of 2021. This option will allow you to participate in May 2021 graduation, with an anticipated graduation date of August 2021.
- Completing additional hours during 2020-2021 academic year: i.e. winter intersession, spring break or as your schedule and the agency schedule allows.

You are our future colleagues and the next generation of committed workers on the front lines of events, such as those we are currently living through. We understand your heightened level of anxiety around completing hours for field placement. Your safety, and the safety of those in our communities are top priority! We need to practice social distancing to do our part preventing the spread of COVID-19, so creating an alternative plan is necessary, for those in need of one.

This is by no means an exhaustive list of how we can plan around the completion of your hours. To craft a concrete plan, please reach out to your Field Liaison or the Office of Field Education:
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Remember- we are in this together!

Sincerely,

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