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Dear First-Year Students,

I am writing to give an update on the Winter term. The Caltech graduate program has been designated as hybrid, and Caltech was approved by the Pasadena Public Health Department to bring international, first-year students onto the campus for the Winter term.

Students who responded to the survey in early December and expressed an interest in coming to campus in the Winter term have been contacted, and arrangements are underway to bring them to campus. These students will go to temporary housing and undergo a 14-day quarantine process that will allow them to safely transition to permanent housing.

For those who chose not to come to campus in the Winter term, we are hopeful that the Spring term will provide another opportunity. However, it should be noted that our ability to on-board students in the Spring term will be dependent on the public health situation at that time. The graduate office will keep you informed of the progress. I encourage you to discuss your situation with ISP and your option representative and staff.

Regardless of whether you will be on campus or not, I wish you a productive and successful Winter term.

David Chan
Dean of Graduate Studies