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To Whom It May Concern:

Many students who attend UNC Chapel Hill and live in the surrounding areas use their financial aid to pay their monthly rent obligation. Due to changes in the calendar from the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, spring financial aid disbursement will take place a bit later than usual. This letter, along with the students official UNC award letter will confirm that they plan to use their financial aid to pay for their January rent obligation.

Due to federal regulations that specify we must not refund any aid more than ten days before the start of the semester, students will receive the spring amount of their aid on or around January 9, 2021. At that time, the aid will first pay their bill with the university for tuition and fees, and then any remaining amount will be processed into a refund for the student to use for their off-campus housing expenses. Refunds processed via direct deposit should begin to arrive on or around January 13, 2021.

We ask that you consider extending the January deadline for rent payments for students who are in this situation during these unique times. The award letter that the student provides will have a breakdown of the aid they are expected to receive for the full academic year, half of that amount will be for their spring expenses. Please let us know if you have any questions as we work to best assist students during this time.

Respectfully,

The Office of Scholarships and Student Aid