



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

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Mr. Davis,

On February 22, 2021, Howard University submitted a revised application to DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) regarding the 2021 spring football season. DC Health reviewed your request and the revised application is APPROVED with the following terms:

- The South Carolina game is not permitted since the state does not meet the regional definition. DC Health defines the region as Maryland and Virginia.
- Additionally, during Phase Two, non-essential travel outside of the National Capital Region remains discouraged. DC Health approves the regional games which includes Maryland and Virginia and exceptions will be made to have teams visit from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New Jersey, and Delaware. Travel to those states is also allowed as long as no overnight stay is required, and DC Health Travel Guidance policies on testing and quarantine must be adhered to.

If you are notified of any positive COVID-19 cases from student-athletes, university staff, event employees, volunteers, or attendees, immediately inform DC Health of any COVID-19 laboratory-confirmed cases, following all procedures available at: <https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/covid-19-reporting-requirements>.

One further condition of this waiver is that you consent to allow inspectors from the Department of Health aka DC Health; the Alcohol and Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA); and the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) to inspect facilities and practices to verify your compliance with this waiver and your plan, incorporated herein.

If there are changes to the operation plan from those authorized under this waiver, or request additional expansion for those activities disallowed at this time, you must come back to us to confirm that you are allowed to proceed with its new terms, and DC Health must also review any such modifications. Such assent is not automatic on our part and I will be your point of contact at [chris.rodriguez@dc.gov](mailto:chris.rodriguez@dc.gov).

Sincerely,

Dr. Christopher Rodriguez  
Director

Cc: Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt, Director, DC Health  
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