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Sent on behalf of Vice Provost of Student Affairs Tammara Durham and Vice Provost of Academic Success Susan Klusmeier.

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This message is intended primarily for instructors, however others who work with students may find the resources helpful.

KU Faculty and Instructors,

Student Affairs and Academic Success appreciate the attention you have paid to our students' wellbeing during this pandemic. We recognize that online environments make it even more challenging to assess student stress levels, engagement, and overall mental and physical health. At this point in the semester, you may be concerned about students who infrequently connect to the classroom or have multiple missed assignments. You may or may not know the reasons behind their behavior.

November 18 is the last day for students to drop courses for this semester. If a student is at risk of failing your course, you can demonstrate care and concern for them by directly reaching out with a reminder of this date. It is important to be realistic about their existing academic standing in your class and whether a path forward for a successful outcome exists. If a student discloses barriers or stressors to you, we encourage you to refer students to resources of which they may not know such as Academic Advising, Counseling & Psychological Services, KU Campus Cupboard, Student Money Management Services, the University Academic Support Centers, and Watkins Health Services. If their needs are particularly complex or distressing to the student, you also can refer them to Student Support and Case Management by [submitting a care referral](#).

Supporting our students takes all of us and we have been most impressed by the collective rise to meet the demands and challenges of the pandemic. Our departments exist for students and for you. We welcome questions as you continue to support students.

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