Survey Participant Invitation Email

To: USC Students
From: USC Student Health and USC Student Affairs
Date: April 9, 2020
Subject: Help Us Plan for the Future – Take the USC Student Well-being Index Survey

Dear USC Students,

Over the past few weeks, our USC community has been challenged with a global pandemic, and consequently, impacted our everyday norms, way of life, and overall well-being.

Our dedication to the health and well-being of our staff, faculty, and most importantly, our students is paramount during this crisis. We are at a unique time and place to learn how this event is affecting us as individuals and as a university community.

I am writing to announce the introduction of the **USC Student Well-being Index Survey (SWIS)**, a comprehensive instrument that will help our university community better understand your attitudes, thoughts and experiences with respect to well-being at USC.

Questions will help estimate the current status of well-being on our campuses, on-ground and online, and collect information on students’ experiences and attitudes towards the following subject areas:

- COVID-19 and emergency preparedness,
- Sense of belonging,
- Fairness and equity,
- Positive mental health,
- At-risk drinking,
- Sexual assault,
- Upstanding behaviors,
- Financial burden,
- Hazing,
- Restorative environment

You are one of 30,000 students who were selected to take part in the survey where results will be used to advocate for resources and plan for services and programs to encourage a healthy, safe and nondiscriminatory environment at the University of Southern California.

You must be **18 years old and above** and **are currently enrolled as a USC student** to participate in this online survey study. Participation in this survey study is voluntary and will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

We will use our best efforts to keep the findings in this study as confidential as possible. You can choose to skip or stop answering any questions that make you uncomfortable. Data will be coded and identity stored separate from the data file.

As a way of thanking you for your time, you will be entered into a lottery to win a $20 Amazon Gift Card by completing the survey.
If you are interested to participate in this study, please click on the link below to go to the survey. The deadline to complete this survey is **April 30, 2020.**

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These are unparalleled times, and together, we can plan for a safe and healthy future.

If you have any questions about this study, please contact the Office for Health Promotion Strategy, USC Student Health at hpstrategy@usc.edu.

Sincerely,

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