All EDSP students, we are most certainly in an unprecedented space and time. COVID-19 has upended all that we knew as “normal” and has forced us into ‘distancing’ ourselves—which, if I may be honest, is so challenging for many, including myself! It goes without saying, I will miss seeing you all in person—but am happy to connect online! 😊

Given our current climate and academic situation. The intent of an NCUR Reflection was to connect (and reflect 😊) your EDSP experience(s) to undergraduate research shared at the conference. I believe I told many of you that I reviewed a number of the proposals and was excited to see the connections you all would make!

With that, I’d like you to reflect on three things:

(1) How has COVID-19 impacted you as a student? Share as much or as little as you’d like. This is your reflection and I want to be sensitive to everyone’s experiences;

The COVID-19 impacted has impacted me immensely. I was able to leave for spring break and I left the Wednesday before break and the day before it was announced the classes were going online. Since I thought I was going to be gone for a week and half I did not pack any of my books or computer charger. This made it difficult when I got back home to my parents’ house in West Yellowstone. Luckily, I only live an hour and forty-five minutes away.

(2) As a future educator (or professional), I’d like you to think through what you’d do for your students/families/clients if the COVID-19 pandemic ‘hit’ post-graduation—what measures would you put in place to connect and support?

If this happened, I would want to immediately find and send out resources for the people who are affected. I would want to include activities that they could do at home, whether it be physical or academic. I think it is important to include resources for families/students/clients because they are also treading on new water especially with everyone being home constantly like the way it is now.

And finally, (3) how can I support you for the rest of the semester? What things do I need to make sure to have in place to ease this time of uncertainty?

The most important thing for me to succeed for the rest of this semester is know exactly what I need to do and when it is do. This way I can keep organized and I do not have to stress and continuously look through the announcements to see the weekly assignments.

My hope is that you all know how much I care for my students and ESPECIALLY right now, I want to make sure you feel supported and cared for even more—Jody 😊