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Dear Colleagues,

We are writing to share updated information about how National University is monitoring, preparing for, and responding to the potential impacts of the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19. We know this situation is changing quickly as COVID-19 spreads, and that there is a lot of concern about how it might impact our campus. This email contains information on the current situation and NU's planning and preparation.

Students will be emailed [a letter from President Andrews](#) today informing them that NU is monitoring the situation and will continue to provide updates on university-specific guidelines and actions that are in accordance with [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), as well as State and County Public Health Departments.

Current Situation

National University's Safety Management Team continues to closely monitor recommendations from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), as well as state and county public health departments to inform university-specific guidelines and actions.

According to the [California Department of Public Health](#), the risk of COVID-19 exposure within California remains low. No confirmed cases of the virus exist among members of the NU community. At this time, all NU campuses will continue normal operations.

Classes, Activities, and Events

We are working collaboratively with faculty and academic administrators to develop and share guidelines this week for academic continuity to develop contingency plans, should classes be disrupted due to the virus.

For those students approaching graduation, we are acting in accordance with Santa Clara County Department of Public Health guidelines and **postponing National University's Northern Commencement Ceremony** to a later date. Similarly, **National University's Southern Commencement Ceremony will be delayed** until further notice.

Last week, Provost Singh notified faculty that we are postponing Spring Symposium. The University has determined to limit large-scale events and community gatherings at NU facilities. Further information will be forthcoming.

Travel

Based on recommendations from the CDC and U.S. Department of State travel advisories, we are suspending university-sponsored travel to countries outside of the United States until further notice; this specifically includes study-abroad travel. NU also recommends limiting university-sponsored travel within the United States.

The University is not able to make individual recommendations for personal travel. We recommend that travelers review the [CDC travel warnings](#) and [frequently asked questions for travelers](#) before going on a trip.

As there are a number of understandable questions, you can find the most current information on NU's COVID-19 webpage at [nu.edu/coronavirus](#), which includes FAQs and links to additional resources.

Our primary focus is on campus-wide health, well-being, and preparedness. We encourage you to continue to follow CDC-recommended precautions and to please direct questions or concerns to NU's Safety Management Team at safety@nu.edu.

Remember that NU is a diverse community that values compassion, understanding, inclusivity, equity, and global engagement. This is a challenging time for everyone. Remember to treat our students and each other with kindness and empathy as we navigate this together.

Sincerely,

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