



March 20, 2020

Dear National University Community,

Last night, Gov. Gavin Newsom, the California State Public Health Officer, and the Director of the California Department of Public Health [issued an order](#) directing all residents of California to stay at home or their place of residence effective immediately and until further notice.

According to the order, essential services (gas, grocery stores, pharmacies, banks, etc.) and state and local government functions will remain open to maintain continuity of operation of the [federal critical infrastructure sectors](#). One of these sectors, for government facilities, includes colleges and universities.

As we shared earlier this week, National University will continue to provide course instruction, student services, and advising in an online format to support academic continuity and help students stay on track to meet their academic goals. However, campuses and facilities will not be physically accessible to students, faculty, staff, and the general public until further notice.

At this time, only a select group of staff members who have received direct notice from their supervisors should come to campus to maintain critical operations and functions.

NU has already enacted several proactive measures to help protect the health and well-being of our community that are consistent with the new order, including:

- **March 10:** National University suspended university-sponsored travel outside of the U.S. and limited domestic university-sponsored travel.
- **March 10:** NU announced Northern and Southern Commencement Ceremonies have been postponed.
- **March 12:** All on-site courses have transitioned to online instruction for the March term and until further notice.
- **March 17:** All in-person, university-sponsored events and activities have been canceled or postponed until further notice.
- **March 18:** National University campuses and facilities are no longer physically accessible to students, faculty, staff, and the general public until further notice.

The health and well-being of our community is our top priority and will continue to guide the steps we take to address this rapidly evolving situation. We strongly encourage everyone to adhere to federal, state, and local public health guidelines. Please visit nu.edu/coronavirus for the latest updates on NU's response to COVID-19 or contact safety@nu.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David W. Andrews".

David W. Andrews, Ph.D.

President