



March 17, 2020

Dear National University Students,

National University has been closely monitoring the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and preparing contingency plans as the virus spreads across California, the nation, and the world. At this time, there are still no known cases of COVID-19 within our NU community. However, in response to the updated guidance and direction from federal, state, and local public health agencies, we have enacted measures throughout the University to increase social distancing to slow or limit the spread of COVID-19 on our campuses and protect students, faculty, staff, and the broader community.

Updated safety measures and precautions include:

**Suspension of On-Ground Courses:**

- On [March 12](#), students were notified that all courses for the remainder of the March term will be taught in an online modality.
- As of today, NU has determined to continue with online instruction in all courses throughout the institution until further notice.
- Military students receiving housing allowance will not see their benefits impacted with this move to online for the March 2020 term. Further information will be provided in the coming days.
- Visit NU's COVID-19 landing page for a list of [frequently asked questions](#).

**Campuses and Locations:**

- NU has enacted modified operations to facilitate consistent delivery of student support services.
- University staff will be available to support our students. We encourage you to visit NU's [Student Services](#) page for information on resources or contact [advisor@nu.edu](mailto:advisor@nu.edu) to schedule meetings online or by phone to address any questions you may have.

**Events and Gatherings:**

- In accordance with the recommendation of the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and the [State of California's public health directives](#), NU canceled or postponed in-person events for students, staff, and faculty until further notice.
- In accordance with Santa Clara County Department of Public Health guidelines, National University's Northern Commencement Ceremony is postponed to a later date. Similarly, National University's Southern Commencement Ceremony will be delayed until further notice.
- Students who have questions about the commencement ceremony should contact [commencement@nu.edu](mailto:commencement@nu.edu).

**Travel**

- Effective Tuesday, March 10, all university-sponsored travel outside of the U.S. was suspended indefinitely. This specifically includes study abroad. NU has limited university-sponsored travel within the United States.
- We strongly encourage students, faculty, and staff to consider not traveling during spring break. We know that may not be possible, but everyone should be aware of travel warnings, quarantine restrictions, and other guidance from the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) to help inform personal travel choices.

We are continuing to align our actions with recommendations from the CDC, state, and county public health authorities. We understand that this global outbreak and the preventative measures we are taking are causing disruption to our students. We do not take these actions lightly, and we appreciate our students' patience as our team works tirelessly to implement guidelines and policies to protect the safety and well-being of our entire university community.

Continue to visit [nu.edu/coronavirus](http://nu.edu/coronavirus) for the latest updates on NU's response to COVID-19 or contact [safety@nu.edu](mailto:safety@nu.edu).

Sincerely,

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

**David W. Andrews, Ph.D.**  
*President*