

Dear Campus Community,

As of April 3rd, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at SCU. To date there are 4566 confirmed cases in LA County (including Long Beach and Pasadena), and 711 in Orange County. The most current information regarding COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), including past emails/updates can be located on our web page [HERE](#).

Message from the COVID-19 Response Team

Our team continues to monitor the situation and the University continues to take substantive action to ensure the safety and strength of our community. We encourage you to review the resources below to remain current on the University's response to COVID-19.

Guidance on Face Coverings

On April 1st, the California Department of Public Health issues guidance concerning face coverings (aka face masks). The full document can be viewed [HERE](#). The guidance does not mandate the use of face coverings and notes that face coverings can be beneficial when you are amongst other people performing essential activities (e.g. at the grocery store). However, face coverings are not a substitute for social distancing. Further, it is critical to note that the State and County officials are advising against the public's usage of N-95 masks or surgical masks. These masks must be reserved for medical ONLY usage. Instead, the public can use alternative face coverings such as bandanas or create their own covering following a variety of DIY instructions available online.

FAQ

SCU's comprehensive FAQ can be found <https://www.scuhs.edu/coronavirus-covid-19-information/>. The FAQ contains information about Academic Instruction, Student Support, Tuition/Fees, Financial Aid, and more. Our goal is to provide an easy way for the campus community to get questions answered.

Latest LA County Health Order

The most recent advice asks that if you are mildly sick, please stay home for at least seven days and until 72 hours after being fever and symptom free. Call your doctor if you are concerned and/or your symptoms worsen. Individuals who are elderly, have underlying health conditions, or who are pregnant should consider contacting their providers earlier when they are sick. The most recent Los Angeles County Health Order can be viewed [HERE](#) and an FAQ regarding home quarantine guidance can be found [HERE](#).

Class Registration

Registration for graduate programs for Summer trimester should occur in week 15. Classes will continue to be delivered via distance learning. Additional information regarding dates, times, and scheduling priority for DC selectives will follow later. The Summer and Fall trimester schedules are being developed together to support maximum flexibility under current circumstances and to facilitate students' continued progress towards graduation. The summer schedule for health sciences students should be shared with students week 14.

Registration for Accelerated Science courses is open and ongoing. Students are encouraged to continue taking their classes without interruption.

Classes

Because of the campus closure, **all courses in all programs are being delivered online. Students will not be required to return to campus during this current Spring trimester/term and will not be required to return to campus for the Summer trimester/term until at least June 1.** Students will receive separate communication regarding when on-ground instruction will resume. Supporting student progress towards graduation remains a top priority for the University.

Quizzes and Exams, Including Final Exams

Faculty and students will receive additional communication about testing options, including use of proctoring software, this week. Additional training about these assessment options will be provided.

Spring/Summer Break

SCU will follow the planned April 15 – May 3 trimester break period for graduate programs, so “hang in there,” students! Only two and a half weeks to go until your well-deserved academic break!

Additional Information

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) COVID-19 Situation Summary as of 03/26 can be found [HERE](#). This CDC also publishes information for travel, including information about countries with elevated risk, which can be found [HERE](#).

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please visit the SCU COVID-19 page [HERE](#) or email us at CampusSafety@scuhs.edu