



June 1, 2020

Dear SCU Community,

I trust you are well and in good spirits. Early on, I committed to updating you on June 1<sup>st</sup> regarding the status of the campus reopening. **I am writing today to provide the most recent information about opening the campus on a limited basis July 13.** Although we don't know all the answers yet, we continue to learn more each week by working closely with state and county officials, accreditation and licensing bodies, and other key agencies.

#### What We Know

- We appreciate that students and faculty must make plans and that there is a need for clear information. We continue to plan based on the latest information available to us. We will provide updates as we have substantive changes to share.
- As a health sciences university, our mission is accomplished in part through hands-on laboratory and clinical education. Therefore, we recognize how important it is to provide options for in-person learning.
- Given the evolving nature of the pandemic, we must continue to evaluate the situation because things may change at any time.
- We have developed safety and health protocols for the campus that include environmental, cleaning, behavioral, classroom, surveillance, testing, and containment protocols.

#### What We Are Planning for the Summer and Fall Terms

- All lecture courses will continue remotely through the Fall term.
- We are planning to resume in-person clinical (internship) education effective July 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - Faculty and staff are putting plans in place for students to resume clinical education.
  - Priority will be given to students based upon anticipated graduation date and maintaining compliance with licensing and accreditation agencies (i.e. group size).

- It is possible that some programs may begin prior to July 13<sup>th</sup> on a limited basis. If that is the case, Program Directors and Deans will communicate this information directly to students, faculty, and staff.
- We are cautiously optimistic that we can resume in-person lab classes effective July 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - Lab classes will be modified to meet safety guidelines (i.e. group size, distancing, PPE).
  - Some programs may choose not to begin some or all labs on July 13<sup>th</sup>. If that is the case, Program Directors and Deans will communicate this information directly to students, faculty, and staff.
  - Please note that resumption of lab classes is contingent upon our region moving to Governor Newsom's Stage 3 AND/OR support from the L.A. County Department of Public Health to classify our lab classes as Stage 2 activity by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Protocols will be in place to minimize the potential of exposure to the SARS-CoV-2 virus.
- Remote and online services, resources, and activities will be available.
- In-person social and other group gathering will be prohibited.
- Buildings and rooms other than those used for lab or clinical instruction will remain closed.
- Staff will continue to work from home unless engaged in essential on-campus activity.
- Faculty will continue to work from home unless engaged directly in lab or clinical instruction.

### Alternative Scenarios

It is possible that the July 13<sup>th</sup> Limited Campus Opening described above may not be possible. In that event, we have developed additional scenarios for reopening the campus, should they prove necessary. All of our Limited Campus Opening scenarios will prioritize the health of our community and the ability of our students to continue their education.

### Our Next Communication

We will confirm the Limited Campus Opening Plan on July 1<sup>st</sup>. At that time, students will be provided an updated *Modified Instructional Delivery Plan* and an updated *Modified Academic Calendar* for July 13<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. In addition, Deans and Program Directors will keep their students and faculty informed regarding specifics for their programs.

As we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times, one common factor holds true and that is our dedication to our students. SCU is steadfast in our commitment to a safe learning and working environment and to quality education and comprehensive student support. We are an amazing

community that has continually shown resilience, kindness, and collaboration in times of hardship and we will emerge from this challenge even stronger than before.

I want to again thank you for your flexibility and patience during this difficult and challenging period.

Sincerely,

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