



July 1, 2020

Dear SCU Community,

I trust everyone is staying safe and in good spirits. As you may recall, I committed to updating you on July 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<sup>th</sup>. **I am pleased to announce that the campus will be opening on July 13<sup>th</sup> for most clinical and lab courses.**

#### What You Need to Know

- The Los Angeles Department of Public Health informed us that California updated its county variance webpage as it pertains to higher education institutions. Per this update, higher education may conduct in person training and instruction for the essential workforce.
- As a result of the State's county variance update, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued a communication to all L.A. County colleges and universities stating that required training activities supporting essential workforce activities that cannot reasonably be accomplished via distance learning may proceed in person.
- We have developed safety and health protocols for the campus that include environmental, cleaning, behavioral, classroom, surveillance, testing, and containment protocols that are consistent with county, state, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention requirements and best practices.
- Consistent with state and local guidelines for reopening certain businesses, all employees and students returning to campus are required to acknowledge and comply with SCU's health and safety procedures. This acknowledgment will be emailed separately.
- A detailed training concerning COVID-19 and on campus protocols will be mandatory for all individuals returning to campus. As with the acknowledgement form, details of this training will be sent in a separate email.
- Any student or employee traveling by airplane within 14 days of their return to campus must be tested for the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Testing is available at no charge for SCU students and employees at the University Health Center by appointment only.
- A *Limited Campus Opening Health and Safety Protocol Q & A for Employees* will be held on July 6th from Noon – 1 p.m. The Q & A will be recorded for those who cannot attend.
- A *Limited Campus Opening Health and Safety Protocol Q & A for Students* will be held on July 7th from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. The Q & A will be recorded for those who cannot attend.

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

- All lecture courses will continue remotely.
- We are resuming in-person clinical education effective July 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Faculty and staff have put plans in place for students to resume clinical education.
  - Priority has been given to students based upon anticipated graduation date and maintaining compliance with licensing and accreditation agencies (i.e. group size).
  - Some programs may begin prior to July 13<sup>th</sup> on a limited basis. Program Directors and Deans will communicate this information directly to students, faculty, and staff.
- We are resuming most in-person lab classes effective July 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - Lab classes will be modified to meet safety guidelines (i.e. group size, distancing, ventilation, enhanced cleaning).
  - Some programs may opt to delay labs until the Fall term or later. Program Directors and Deans will communicate this information directly to students, faculty, and staff.
  - Labs that don't require in-person learning will be offered through online virtual simulation.
- 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, including the Chesney Student Center and the gym.
- 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.

As promised, we are providing an updated [Modified Instructional Delivery Plan](#) and updated [Modified Academic Calendars](#) 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.

I must remind you that the situation may continue to evolve. We will continue to work closely with State and county officials, accreditation and licensing bodies, and other key agencies. For now, we feel confident that our plans will remain in place through the Fall term. All the same, we will confirm the Limited Campus Opening Plan again on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO