

# COVID-19 Escalated Policies and Guidance

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Dear Colleagues,

As you are aware, UCSF has been taking increasingly aggressive actions to limit the spread of the novel coronavirus and the respiratory infection COVID-19. I am writing to share that Chancellor Sam Hawgood has ordered an escalation of a wide range of UCSF policies and guidance with the goal of limiting community transmission of COVID-19 as much as possible.

I recognize that these are unsettling times, and I want you to know that I am engaged with Chancellor Hawgood and the teams that are working to coordinate UCSF's response to the most significant public health challenge in years. As the situation evolves, I will continue to provide you updates as they become available.

In the meantime, make use of the information and resources available on the newly designed [UCSF COVID-19 Resource Page](#) and click the links below for additional details on the updated guidance that follows. In addition, to receive text alerts when updated UCSF guidance and information are available: *Text 333 111 and enter "UCSF"*

### Escalated Policies and Guidance – March 15, 2020

#### Large Events and Gatherings

- All events of 50 or more participants shall be cancelled or postponed; events of fewer than 50 participants must prioritize alternatives such as videoconferencing.

#### Travel

- UCSF is restricting all non-essential university-sponsored travel, both domestic and international.

#### Visitors

- The San Francisco Department of Public Health on March 13, 2020, issued an order restricting visitors and requiring mandatory screening for all workers entering licensed inpatient hospital buildings.

#### Clinical Research Visits

- All research visits should be conducted remotely when possible, and only those research visits that cannot be conducted remotely and that are deemed essential to the health and well-being of study participants can be conducted in person.

#### Laboratory Research

- UCSF is directing all faculty with research laboratories to take measures immediately to reduce viral spread. A separate message will be sent the evening of March 15, 2020, to all faculty with details about new requirements.

#### Faculty, Staff and Trainee Recruitment

- Effective immediately, no in-person interviews will be conducted.

#### Library Access – Open Until Further Notice

- The UCSF Library remains open for UCSF faculty, staff, and students at this time. For current information, please [visit the Library online here](#).

#### Campus Facilities – Badge Access Required

- Most campus building perimeter access points will require UCSF badge access effective March 16, 6:00 AM.

### Fitness Centers – Closed Until Further Notice

- Effective Sunday, March 15, both Bakar and Millberry Fitness Centers will be closed until further notice.

### Parking and Shuttles

- Parking
  - UCSF's parking facilities will be free of charge to non-permit holders from Monday, March 16 until Sunday, March 22.
  - Patients and visitors will also have access to parking facilities at no cost, including patient valet, through March 22.
- Shuttles
  - UCSF will have an update on shuttle availability soon. Thanks for your patience as our teams work to develop a plan that serves the needs our community during this public health challenge.

Again, I appreciate that many of you are balancing your UCSF life while also looking after loved ones. You all have my deep gratitude for the extra effort that you have demonstrated over the past weeks.

Sincerely,

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