Dear UCSF Community,

Across the UCSF campus and UCSF Health, our leaders and teams continue to take all appropriate actions to help protect the health and safety of our UCSF community—while ensuring our ability to provide care to all of our patients—during what the World Health Organization is now calling a COVID-19 pandemic.

As countries step up their response to this public health challenge, and as we see actions being taken in our local community, I share your concerns about the escalating situation. I encourage you to stay informed about the sensible steps you should take to protect yourself and to stay abreast of the guidance we are providing to everyone at UCSF.

We are regularly sharing via email the latest updates and resources—all of which you can find on our dedicated UCSF COVID-19 resource page. Stay current by bookmarking this page and visiting often. Over the past week, UCSF and/or the UC Office of the President have issued interim guidance and policies regarding:

- Travel—domestic and international
- Visitors
- Research
- Education—please refer to the guidance emailed to you from your academic program
- Events and large gatherings
- Telecommuting—guidance and IT resources
- Employee leave time and pay options—managers should contact the Labor and Employee Relations team at ELR@ucsf.edu for guidance

I want you to know that UCSF’s clinical experts and professional staff are continuing to monitor the situation, and I am prepared to authorize additional measures as circumstances change. Each UC campus is taking actions based on their local conditions, needs, and mission priorities, and I have instructed my leadership team to advise me on all steps that UCSF should be pursuing.

With our focus on health science and care delivery, UCSF has unique responsibilities to our internal community as well as the public we serve. I am encouraged and humbled by the commitment and incredible response of our clinicians, faculty, learners, and professional teams.

Thank you for helping to lead our organization through truly uncharted territory. As always, please continue to reflect our UCSF values as we carry on during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

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