

March 20, 2020

RE: COVID-19: Escalated travel ban, extended shelter-in-place order, and additional updates

Dear Colleagues,

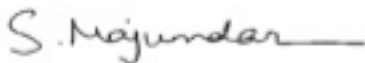
The COVID-19 situation is prompting escalated actions in our local community and around the world.

You may have received the update below, but I'm forwarding it to make sure everyone has seen these important updates, which include an escalated travel advisory by the U.S. Department of State and a California-wide shelter-in-place order from Governor Newsom.

If you can, join Chancellor Sam Hawgood and UCSF Health CEO Mark Laret for [a virtual UCSF COVID-19 Response Town Hall](#) today, **March 20, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

I hope you are all taking steps to keep yourself healthy and informed.

Sincerely,



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UCSF is continuing to monitor the changes related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the situation evolves, we will share updated guidance on UCSF policies and resources you can use to stay informed and safe. Leaders across UCSF also will be sharing these updates, to help ensure that all of the UCSF community receives the information they need.

This update includes Governor Gavin Newsom's order for all Californians to shelter in place, and the U.S. Department of State's Level 4 travel advisory against all international travel.

In addition, don't forget to join a [virtual UCSF COVID-19 Response Town Hall](#), which will include Chancellor Sam Hawgood, UCSF Health President and CEO Mark Laret, and others who will address topics and questions about COVID-19 and UCSF's response.

[COVID-19 Updates – March 20, 2020](#)

Governor Newsom Extends Shelter-in-Place Order Across California

- The [order extends the shelter-in-place order already in effect](#) in Bay Area counties and includes the same restrictions.
- It is important to note that [both orders exempt "essential services" such as health care institutions](#)—including UCSF—as well as banking, gas stations, grocery stores, childcare, and public transit.

U.S. Department of State Issues “Level 4” Travel Advisory Against All International Travel

- Avoid all international travel, in accordance with the [“Level 4: Do Not Travel” advisory](#) issued March 19, 2020.
- [UCSF is restricting all non-essential university-sponsored travel](#)—both domestic and international—and strongly recommends against all non-essential personal travel.
- Those traveling internationally should read UCSF’s guidance, which includes information on [who to contact at UCSF for assistance when returning to the U.S.](#)

Guidance for Using Zoom and Avoiding Connection Issues

- The increased use of Zoom for meetings and calls has created connection issues for some users, including busy signals when attempting to dial Zoom numbers.
- Follow the guidance provided by UCSF IT to [avoid disruptions to your Zoom meetings](#).
- IT has published [additional guidance and tips](#) on working remotely.

IRS Extends Tax Filing Deadline to July 15, 2020—With Conditions

- ICYMI: The IRS [extended the tax filing deadline](#) for millions of individuals and many companies, with important conditions.

UCSF COVID-19 Website and Text Alert Service

- Visit the newly designed [UCSF COVID-19 Website](#) to stay up to date on important updates and resources.
- Sign up for text alerts when updated UCSF guidance and information is available:
 - Text 333 111 and enter “UCSF”