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Subject: COVID-19 Update to Faculty/Staff from UCSF School of Pharmacy

Dear School of Pharmacy Faculty and Staff,

As UCSF continues to respond to challenges presented in the ongoing coronavirus outbreak, our primary focus is the health and safety of the students, faculty, and staff in our learning communities. We also want to uphold the quality of education for our students so they can continue to progress towards their academic and professional goals.

You may be aware that Stanford, UC Berkeley, and San Francisco State have cancelled all in-person classes, following recommendations from their local boards of public health. In alignment with other institutions of higher education in California, UCSF is taking guidance from our local department of public health for social distancing and other actions to mitigate the risk of transmission of the coronavirus. For more information about UCSF's ongoing response, please visit [UCSF's COVID-19 website](#).

While balancing these recommendations and concerns, UCSF will continue offering in-person educational activities for the time being. However, the situation is rapidly evolving, and we encourage educators to make preparations in case students, staff, or faculty become ill or are under quarantine in the coming weeks and months, or if the campus needs to take more proactive measures to prevent transmission of the coronavirus.

SOP-Specific Actions

Please note that discussions with the course directors have begun on the planning of alternatives for both the Pathway and New Curricula.

In the coming days and weeks we ask for your proactive assistance in the following areas:

PharmD didactic instruction

- Prepare to use online platforms for lectures, discussion groups, and meetings.
- Assess clinical skills training activities to identify critical vs. non-critical in-person learning and training experiences; consider which activities may be postponed.
- Prepare for take-home assessments in lieu of classroom-based in-person assessments.

PharmD clinical training

- UCSF APPE students should **not be assigned** responsibilities involving direct patient care for individuals with or suspected of having COVID-19. Student involvement with these patients only serves to increase the number of potentially exposed individuals.

- If you have concerns about student's ability to operate within your rotation or site given this public health issue, please do not hesitate to reach out to your regional **APPE Program Director** for discussion and guidance.

It is almost certain that more specific policies from the Chancellor will emerge from the above current general considerations. In the meantime, please carefully consider and fully utilize the above recommendations.

We can all appreciate that some of our students may be more vulnerable than others and may need to take extra precautions. We strongly encourage you to proactively express to students that their health is a priority, and we ask you to be flexible and creative with students requesting alternative arrangements for attendance and participation. The Vice Dean, Department Chairs, the Office of Education and Instructional Services (OEIS), and the Office of Student and Curricular Affairs (OSACA) are available to assist you with strategies and resources for making these arrangements.

Finally, we are aware that there are outstanding questions about the Chancellor's March 4 communication regarding travel restrictions. The education planning branch of the Emergency Operations Center for COVID-19 response will be following up with other information and recommendations in the coming days.

Again, if you have urgent inquiries please be in touch, and the Dean's Office and Department Chairs will work with you and with campus leadership to address these concerns ASAP.

Thank you for your assistance and support in response to this evolving situation.

Sincerely,

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