



Dear CSUSM Students, Faculty & Staff:

As you read in an earlier campus message today, we are planning to suspend most university-sponsored large events until further notice out of an abundance of caution related to COVID-19 concerns.

This week, that includes:

- **March 10** – Arts & Lectures: [El Merolico](#)
- **March 11 & 12** – GradFest  
(Students may visit [www.csusm.edu/commencement](http://www.csusm.edu/commencement) for more information on how they can participate and prepare for Commencement)
- **March 14** – [Super STEM Saturday](#)

While we believe that the risks of individual infection by the COVID-19 virus remain low, we also agree with guidance from health agencies that convening large groups of otherwise healthy people could increase the risk of infection for vulnerable populations.

We are currently reviewing all planned large events and will communicate to the event organizer regarding the event's status. Moving forward, we are aiming to balance two imperatives: We are seeking to continue our educational mission to the greatest extent possible, while also keeping our community safe and protecting the health of communities beyond our campus as well.

If you have questions about a large event that you are planning, please contact Katy Rees, Associate Vice President of Administration at [katyz@csusm.edu](mailto:katyz@csusm.edu). Staff are working as quickly as possible to address questions and thank you for your patience and flexibility at this time.