



Thursday, Mar. 12, 2020

Dear Campus Community,

According to an [update from the County of San Diego today](#), there are now five confirmed coronavirus cases in San Diego County. One may have been a result of community spread but this has not yet been confirmed. Two are former passengers of the Diamond Princess and Grand Princess cruise ships; and two more may have recently traveled to Colorado. **None of these cases are related to CSUSM and the risk to campus remains low.**

If there is a confirmed COVID-19 case at CSUSM, the campus community will be immediately notified as we work closely with health agencies to make additional notifications and take appropriate action.

The County also issued a public health order that is effective at midnight, Thursday, March 12. Mass gatherings of 250 or more people are banned in San Diego County through the end of March. Gatherings under 250 people are encouraged to have a social spacing of at least six feet.

Additionally, there is an advisory for all seniors 65 or older, along with those who have a chronic illness, to cancel non-essential travel, stay at home and avoid mass gatherings.

We advise all members of our campus community to heed these new County advisories.

We also thank you for your ongoing flexibility and support during this challenging time. We know that our decision to move instruction to a virtual format beginning Friday, March 20, will contribute to global efforts to “flatten the curve” and slow the COVID-19 infection rate.

If you have any questions about CSUSM and our response to COVID-19, please email [covid@csusm.edu](mailto:covid@csusm.edu).

Sincerely,

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