

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT/SUPERINTENDENT
PRESIDENT'S CAMPUS UPDATES



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Dear Colleagues,

Over the past few weeks, we have seen the number of COVID-19 cases increase at an alarming rate throughout our community. Los Angeles County remains in the [Purple risk category](#), the highest tier assignment designated by the state, which indicates widespread infection countywide. In addition, Governor Newsom added 13 more counties to the Purple category yesterday, including nearby Orange County.

You have also seen an increase in the number of emails regarding COVID-19 cases on campus, which correlates to the widespread infection in our community. For this reason, we are asking you to please continue following all of the [public health guidelines](#) to minimize risk of exposure.

I know that we may feel tired of this situation. All of us feel burnt out due to the restrictions, but we do need to take care of our health and the health of others. As the holiday season approaches, it is difficult not to see family and friends. We understand that some of us may choose to continue to gather and celebrate, but if you choose to do so, please do take all necessary precautions.

The [California Department of Public Health provides detailed guidance regarding gatherings](#), but essentially, limit the number of households you mix with, wash your hands and sanitize frequently, wear a mask, maintain social distancing, and gather outdoors instead of inside.

Thank you for your understanding. I am sending this email to you, not as a mandate, but out of concern for your wellbeing and the wellbeing of our campus community.

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