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## **March 16, 2020 – COVID-19 Update**

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## SAN FRANCISCO

March 16, 2020

Dear UC Hastings Community,

We write to confirm the Public Health Order announced by Mayor London Breed today at 1:00pm. Starting midnight tonight, San Francisco residents are directed to remain home with the exception of the most “Essential Activities.” This order is in place starting at midnight tonight and is scheduled to extend until April 7<sup>th</sup>. Other Bay Area counties are implementing similar orders.

**The “Essential Activities” permitted under the Public Health Order include the following:**

- To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to people’s health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (including, but not limited to, pets), such as, by way of example only and without limitation, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies they need to work from home.
- To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as, by way of example only and without limitation, canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.
- To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section, such as, by way of example and without limitation, walking, hiking, or running.
- To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this Order, including Minimum Basic Operations.
- To care for a family member or pet in another household.

Essential public services will remain open for us to utilize as needed. This includes police, fire, public transit, garbage, grocery stores, pharmacies, banks, gas stations, and restaurants (takeout only). Education, to be provided remotely, is also an essential service. All nonessential stores and business (bars, gyms, etc.) will close at midnight tonight. This order may be amended pending updated guidance.

We recognize that this news creates heightened anxiety. Per public health guidance, the goal and intention here is to reduce the amount of harm, slow the speed of the spread of the virus, and ensure that our healthcare professionals can maintain the highest level of patient care.

### Implications for UC Hastings Campus Operations

People who are critical to come to campus at all have already been told. If you have not heard from us, you are not to come to campus. Faculty should refer to Academic Dean Morris Ratner's communications regarding building access.

The Public Health Order does not change the advice and guidance we announced last Friday. As of today, the College has moved to a substantially virtual environment for the remainder of the semester. We are curtailing operations at 200 McAllister, 198 McAllister, and 333 Golden Gate with respect to all faculty, students, and staff not designated as essential for on-the-ground campus operations or specifically authorized for entry by College administration.

The Tower will remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for residents and essential support personnel. Per the Public Health Order, Tower residents should stay inside aside from absolutely essential activities. Tower management will send further guidance and information specifically to its residents.

### Opportunities this week to learn more and ask questions:

- **Student Town Hall** – Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 1:00pm. See your calendar invite for access to join virtually.
- **Staff All Hands Meeting** – Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 10:00am. See your calendar invite for access to join virtually.
- **Faculty Meeting** – Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 1:00pm. The faculty meeting will be held virtual via Microsoft Teams. The Academic Dean's Office will send details before Friday.

Type of Coronavirus-Related Question	Point of Contact
<b>Pandemic response policies</b>	HR Director Andrew Scott ( <a href="mailto:scottandrewf@uchastings.edu">scottandrewf@uchastings.edu</a> ) or Executive Director of Operations Rhiannon Bailard ( <a href="mailto:bailardrhiannon@uchastings.edu">bailardrhiannon@uchastings.edu</a> )
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<b>Individual students or Academic Regulations</b>	Assistant Dean of Students Grace Hum ( <a href="mailto:humgrace@uchastings.edu">humgrace@uchastings.edu</a> )
<b>Classroom or Distance Education Technology</b>	Associate Dean Camilla Tubbs ( <a href="mailto:tubbsc@uchastings.edu">tubbsc@uchastings.edu</a> ) and other persons to be designated in the event of a required move to distance learning

Again, the most updated information will remain available on the on the [MyHastings page on the Coronavirus](#)

This is a most challenging time for our community, defined both immediately and globally. Please reach out to us, a friend, or family, if you need assistance of any kind. Moments such as this define us as persons and as people. We wish you all the very best and know that while we now find ourselves in a tunnel, we will together reach the light.

Best regards,

David Faigman  
Chancellor & Dean

Rhiannon Bailard  
Executive Director of Operations

Andrew Scott  
Director of Human Resources