



**TO:** Colleague  
**FROM:** Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Chancellor  
**RE:** COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Update

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Today the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued revised Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidelines for institutions of higher education. These guidelines replace the department's Feb. 11, 2020 communication and provide more detailed protocols for implementing mitigation measures up to and including closure of campuses if necessary. All colleges should be actively implementing the measures described in Scenario 1 of this document and should work in close coordination with local public health agencies if measures described in Scenarios 2-4 are deemed necessary. In addition to this updated guidance for colleges and universities, the CDPH also issued guidelines for mass gatherings (defined as events in which large numbers of people are within arm's length of one another other, but typically exclude office and commercial environments). Please share these documents with your leadership team and take action to ensure you are prepared to implement each scenario if required.

My team continues to work closely with state public health and emergency planning officials and will continue to keep you updated. Please continue to monitor the Chancellor's Office [COVID-19 web resources page](#) for additional guidance and information.

Thank you for your continued leadership.

-Eloy

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