



CAL STATE LA

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT WILLIAM A. COVINO

Dear University Community:

In these extraordinary times, I have considered every option available to keep our students, faculty, and staff healthy. There are no known cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in our University community at this time. However, as a preventive measure and based on the guidance of health officials, Cal State LA is temporarily suspending face-to-face, in-person classroom instruction. We believe that this is the best course of action to take given the present circumstances.

We are encouraging faculty to transition now to alternative methods of instruction that do not require students to congregate. Local, state, and national health officials have recommended social distancing as a strategy to prevent the spread of the virus. This suspension of face-to-face instruction reflects the guidance of communicable disease experts.

Classes Canceled March 16 - 19

We are canceling classes for four days—Monday, March 16, through Thursday, March 19. During this transition period, faculty will prepare to offer alternative methods of instruction. Any faculty who are ready to move to these methods now may do so immediately. Students should watch for communications from their instructors and follow their instructions.

Alternative Instruction Begins March 20

Classes will resume on Friday, March 20, with faculty using means of instruction that do not involve face-to-face gathering. Alternative instruction will continue for four

weeks through April 24. As we approach the end of this period, we will re-evaluate the situation.

Cal State LA Will Remain Open

Cal State LA is not closing during the transition period or during the four weeks of alternative instruction. University operations and services will continue and employees will continue working. We encourage anyone who feels ill to remain home.

We will keep the library and computer labs open and available to students who lack access to technology. Student services, residence halls, and dining halls will remain open. The Student Health Center, including Counseling and Psychological Services, will continue to see students.

Please visit our [Health Watch webpage](#) for updates and information about coronavirus.

Public Events Canceled

Earlier this week, out of an abundance of caution, we canceled non-essential public events on campus. These events will not resume during the suspension of face-to-face classes.

Circumstances are changing rapidly. We are working through issues as they arise. I recognize the impact this decision will have on our community. It will take effort on the part of our students, faculty, and staff, but we can accomplish much by working together. I appreciate your patience and your commitment. Together, we will get through these challenging times.

Sincerely,

William A. Covino
President