



**Fraternity & Sorority Life
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Dear UC Student Leaders Community:

In an effort to provide more clarification to the university statement that was sent out yesterday regarding COVID-19, please see below for items that particularly effect student organizations.

Student Organizational Meetings

- Effective Saturday, March 14, 2020, UC will suspend face-to-face instruction, lectures, discussion sessions, seminars and other similar classroom settings, and move to remote instruction. We believe it is important that we consider the same for student organization meetings and management. As a result, all student organizations should refrain from meeting in person when possible and should not make any meetings mandatory for any members. If you have to have essential meetings for organizational business purposes, virtual meetings are preferred or holding in-person meetings in a space large enough for social distancing.
- While completing classes remotely, students may choose to return to their permanent place of residence or return to campus where appropriate social distancing and enhanced preventative public health and hygiene measures will be actively encouraged. Students should make the choice that is best for their own personal situation.
- If you have questions or concerns regarding your event please contact your student organization advisor and additional questions should be directed to the area—
 - [General Student Organizations](#)
 - [FSL](#)
 - [Club Sports](#)
 - [UFB/AIC Funded](#)

International travel

- All university-related international travel is suspended through May 31, 2020. This applies to all faculty, staff, postdocs, student organizations and students, and includes any travel associated with scholarly activities as a UC employee, including travel funded by a government grant, foundation, company or other university.
- All personal international travel is strongly discouraged by any UC community member.
- Travelers returning from CDC Level 3 countries (currently China, Iran, Italy and South Korea) are required to observe a 14-day period of self-quarantine and monitoring. During this period, faculty, staff, and students are not permitted to come to work, attend class or participate in any other campus or community activities.
- All UC employees and students returning from international travel must register with University Health Services (UHS) via UHSTravel@ucmail.uc.edu, and receive specific guidance from UHS before returning to campus.

Domestic Travel

- University-sponsored domestic air travel will be prohibited for student organizations.
- All travel where attendance will exceed 150 people at ANY point is restricted. This includes by any mode of transportation. This restriction is in place to limit your exposure to COVID-19 and includes conferences, formals, and large-scale programs. This is not an exhaustive list, and if you are unsure, please contact the appropriate area above.
- This includes new travel as well as any currently booked trips between now and May 31, 2020. We will reevaluate these guidelines and share updates as more information becomes available.
- We strongly urge extreme caution and judgment for your personal domestic travel, with particular attention to known outbreak areas.

UC Events

- Effective immediately, any in-person UC events (on-campus or off-campus) with more than 150* attendees scheduled to occur between now and May 31, 2020, must be rescheduled, canceled or virtualized. This includes student organization meetings, events, and retreats.

- Even if your student organization meeting, event, or retreat is below 150 students, all organizations must refrain from making these things mandatory.
- Evaluation of meeting, event, or retreat necessity should be discussed with organization advisor.

University Student Organization Funding

- If your organization decides to move forward with **a prohibited event or travel** you will forfeit use of university funding to cover event or travel expenses.
- If you were allocated university funding and have questions, please contact Marissa Radigan.

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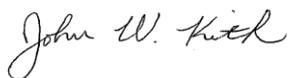
As always, please practice social distancing to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases. Keep a distance of at least six feet between yourself and another person; practice proper hand washing; avoid touching your face; cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue; and stay home if feeling sick. Please reference the [CDC website](#) for additional prevention guidelines.

Information updates and resources can be accessed at uc.edu/publichealth. Please continue to check daily for email updates regarding this very fluid situation. If you have a question, please email publichealth@uc.edu.

Many thoughtful decisions will be forthcoming in the days ahead, and we ask for patience and understanding as we navigate through this difficult and fluid situation. Your health and safety is, and will always be, of the utmost importance to us.

** A threshold of 150 people was chosen to help reduce risk of transmission without calling a halt to all activity on campus. However, group size is only one factor to consider in planning an event – our success in managing the risk of COVID-19 depends not only on the existence of these policies, but on your cooperation and common sense. If a member of the UC community thinks an exception is warranted for a large event, the request must be submitted through a dean or vice president at publichealth@uc.edu.*

Best,



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