

March 11, 2020

Subject: Update COVID-19

Dear Pacifica Students,

To follow up from yesterday's email, I wanted to send a quick note. We recognize that the quickly evolving information around this outbreak may create some dissonance, and want to relay that the Pacifica community continues to carefully monitor all aspects of the situation, effecting updates and solutions. We will continue to work toward finalizing continuity plans, and I will send a follow up email by the end of the week that should have more specific detail.

As of now, our upcoming residential sessions are being held as planned.

According to Santa Barbara's County Public Health Department "the **immediate health risk from COVID-19 to the general American public is considered low at this time.**" We understand Pacifica is unique in that many students live outside of our local area - the locations of our student body and their travel to and from campus is a strong consideration in all of our deliberations on this matter. To that effect, as of this evening, with the United States' suspension of travel from Europe to the US, we have reached out to all of our International students and students living abroad, advising them not to attend the sessions until further notice as a preventative measure.

If you have signs or symptoms of being ill, please do not come to campus. Please email your Program Chair to alert them of your absence, and receive further information on attendance policies.

We greatly appreciate everyone's flexibility and malleability as we traverse this tough situation together and hope you are doing well and staying healthy.

Sincerely,

Your Campus Safety Team and Administration