

March 20, 2020

Subject: COVID-19 – Pacifica – Update

Dear Pacifica Students,

This email is intended to give a brief update and summary on Pacifica's current status and plans for the near future. To reduce the impact on inboxes, this is the final planned communication from the Safety Team for the time being.

As of last Monday, 3/16/20, all classes transitioned to an online teaching platform. Programs, Chairs, Faculty, and staff have been hard at work to prepare for a seamless transition for upcoming tracks. In light of the evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, Santa Barbara County has joined the state of CA in going to a shelter-in-place order, therefore we will continue conducting all classes online until further notice.

We want to extend our sincere gratitude for the flexibility of all students, with a special emphasis to those in Tracks D and OP. We know that the rapidly changing and evolving information from the state and county made the decisions leading up to last week's sessions complex and that this wasn't easy on you, nor on the departments themselves, and we greatly appreciate your patience and overall support.

As of today, 3/20/20, Pacifica, in accord with the Governor's orders, has begun to close our physical campuses. This means that most employees and departments will be functioning remotely. Both the Ladera and Lambert's campuses will be closed and locked until further notice.

Please be assured that administrative services and academic program support will continue to be operational. We appreciate your understanding of any temporary glitches that may occur in our transition to working remotely for the majority of our staff. Students needing to contact departments or personnel are encouraged to reach out by email. Library support will also continue to be available; please see the attached document from the library staff regarding their services.

For students that are scheduled to graduate this spring, please await an email from the President that will be sent soon regarding Commencement.

As we navigate through this dynamic situation, we respectfully request that if you suspect that you have contracted the COVID-19, or test positive for it, to please notify the Safety Team via email at Safety@pacific.edu. Your personal information will be kept confidential as to only myself, our President and our General Counsel, and not shared any further without your consent.

Pacifica sends sincere wishes to stay healthy. We will see you back on campus, in community, once we are through these challenging times.

On behalf of Pacifica's Safety Team,

Adam Brown