

## **Update on Pacifica's Campuses & Classes with Approaching Rain Storm Friday, February 2, 2024**

Dear Pacifica Faculty, Staff, and Students,

I am reaching out to each of you with a heart full of concern and a spirit dedicated to our collective well-being. As you may be aware, a strong storm system is expected to impact the vicinity of our campuses starting the evening of Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, and predicted to continue through Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, with the heaviest rain forecasted for Sunday into Monday morning.

Our Incident Management Team, a group as devoted as they are diligent, has been tirelessly piecing together the latest weather insights and possible implications. Their wisdom, combined with heartfelt discussions with our administrative leaders and program chairs, has guided us towards decisions made with your safety and comfort as our paramount concern.

Here is our plan, of which the tracks of students affected have already been notified:

The physical campuses will close beginning Saturday evening, February 3<sup>rd</sup> through Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Operations will move remotely during this time. The state of campuses will be assessed Tuesday to determine the timing of re-opening and notification will be sent thereafter.

***For Counseling Tracks C & LG:*** Your classes will proceed on campus until dinnertime on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We then encourage those who can, to make their way safely home. Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>'s classes will transition to a virtual setting, a space where we can continue our journey of learning, connected by heart and technology. For those needing accommodations over the weekend, we are here for you – you are not alone.

***Counseling Track W (next Monday to Wednesday):*** Your classes will also move to the virtual realm, ensuring continuity and safety.

Our faculty and staff, true pillars of our community, are working hand-in-hand to ensure this transition is seamless and supportive, especially for our Track C & LG students requiring assistance. We recognize the disruption such decisions to alter session delivery can cause on travel, life, and learning plans, as well as the loss felt for the on-campus experience whenever it is affected. With the aim of making the most informed decision with enough advance as possible, we appreciate the flexibility to make this pivot in the name of safety and know that the power of our gatherings and relational education will be brought by each of you under the circumstances.

***To Our On-Campus Employees:*** If you are scheduled to work this weekend or early next week on campus, please look for more information from HR regarding how your

work schedule and timecards will be adjusted during the campus closure. Your safety is our top priority.

We will continue to closely monitor the storm, liaising with local authorities to keep you informed and safe. Please keep an eye on your emails for updates from Pacifica Safety and remember, your safety is our priority. Let's remain vigilant about travel advisories and road conditions – your well-being is irreplaceable.

To report any campus-related emergency, please call the Campus Safety Emergency Line at (805) 679-6100. Visit the campus safety page at: <https://www.pacifica.edu/about-pacifica/campus-safety/>

In times like these, it's natural to feel a whirlwind of emotions. Please remember, our PGIAA CareLine (805-679-6163) and Employee Assistance Program are here for you. You're not alone; we're in this together. While the ecological challenges we have faced in recent years have left us prepared for these circumstances, they nevertheless are not easy, individually or collectively. In these moments, as the clouds gather, I am reminded of the resilience and warmth that define and carry us.

Stay safe, embrace hope, and take care of each other. Together, we are a force stronger than any storm.



Dr. Lee  
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