



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 20, 2020

**TO:** Campus Community

**FROM:** Thomas A. Parham, Ph.D.  
President

**SUBJECT:** COVID-19 UPDATE

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas Parham".

Dear Campus Community,

The events surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak continue to evolve and try us in so many ways. We can only hope that the stay at home orders issued by LA County and the state last night will help slow the spread of the virus.

While the [statewide order](#) directs residents to remain at home, it does include exceptions that allow residents to leave for essential reasons, such as food, health, and financial, and to perform work that supports [federal critical infrastructure sectors](#). The sector list for government facilities includes colleges and universities. [The LA County order \(pdf\)](#) further outlines provisions for educational institutions delivering distance learning.

### What does this mean for CSUDH?

Given the exempted sector status, and the measures already in place that align with the spirit of the orders, CSUDH will be able to continue offering the services that are essential to our academic mission. As such, we can move forward as planned: Alternative instruction begin Monday, March 23. Staff will continue to work remotely wherever possible.

The university will remain open to provide essential on-campus operations, including security and facilities maintenance. University Housing residents who need to stay will remain on campus. Core student services will also maintain physical hours under revised schedules:

- **Student Health & Psychological Services** will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to p.m.
- The **Toro Computer Lab** on the ground floor of the library (G-149) will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Loker Student Union** will be open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- The **Toro Food Pantry** will be located in the LSU mediation room and open during LSU's operating hours.

Those using or staffing these services are advised to continue taking all recommended precautions regarding social distancing.

As Gov. Newsom made clear in his address last night, the unparalleled nature of this pandemic has forced us all to make some unprecedented choices. Throughout this process, the unity and resolve of the Toro Nation have come to the fore, as we join together--even while in solitude--to alleviate this public health menace.

Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility throughout what has been a trying process for everyone.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Parham, Ph.D.  
President