



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Coronavirus (COVID-19) News

December 6, 2020

Dear Palomar Student,

As you are likely aware, Governor Newsom recently issued a Regional Stay Home Order (Order) triggered by a threshold of ICU bed availability in the region. San Diego County is included in the Southern California region along with 10 other counties. On Friday, December 4, the Southern California region fell below the 15% threshold, which activated the start of the Order on Sunday, December 6 at 11:59 p.m. The Order will remain in effect for at least the next three weeks.

What does this mean for you? Your health and safety and that of our faculty and staff remain top priorities of administrators and the Board of Trustees of the Palomar Community College District. While our expectations were that the COVID-19 virus would be more contained by this time, it is apparent that the situation has dramatically worsened since the Governor's initial stay at home order in March 2020. Throughout this state of emergency, we have reiterated the College's right to amend class schedules and essential work being done at the main campus and education centers. This continues to be the case today. Please note the following important updates.

- The current schedule of classes will remain as is for the remainder of the fall semester, unless further constraints are required per additional emergency orders.
- We will close for our scheduled winter break on December 22.
- The winter intersession begins on January 4, and all classes will be delivered online with the continued exception of our Public Health & Safety courses.
- The Instruction Office is diligently working with our deans and faculty to develop an amended list of face-to-face course offerings for the Spring 2021 semester. This information will be released in the coming days.

Please continue to monitor the [COVID-19 website](#), your Palomar email and our social media channels for updates. If you are in need of assistance, please utilize any of the following resources.

1. Review our [Quick Guide to Student Resources](#) for links to services provided by Palomar College and organizations throughout our region
2. Connect with our [virtual student support team](#).
3. Get in touch with our [financial aid team](#) to have your questions answered.
4. Apply for an [emergency grant](#) through the Palomar College Foundation to help with unexpected expenses due to COVID-19.
5. Find open classes for the Spring semester at [My Class Finder](#).



Most importantly, please follow all of the current restrictions as contained in the [Regional Stay Home Order](#), wear a facial covering, maintain social distancing, avoid gatherings outside of your immediate closed circle, and practice good personal hygiene.

Stay well! Stay safe!

Sincerely,

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