



Message from the President
March 16, 2020

Dear Campus Community,

Based on rapidly emerging decisions in nearby counties, Cal Maritime is suspending all in-person and virtual classes for the next two days to allow for an ***orderly and safe departure of all cadets who are able to leave the campus***. Any classes beyond 6 p.m. today are canceled. For those cadets remaining on campus, particularly those who do not wish to travel to higher-risk areas at home, or who may not have alternative living arrangements, housing and dining services will still be available.

If you are a cadet traveling to areas far away from Cal Maritime, we encourage you to rest tonight and depart tomorrow. For those who choose to leave tonight or tomorrow, please expect to be away from campus until at least April 5 (the planned last day of spring break). For those of you headed to airports or other transit centers, we will provide transportation for those who need it. Please expect a message from VP Student Affairs with more information, which will include a questionnaire aimed to survey cadets' plans to travel or remain on campus. Please fill out the questionnaire accurately so that we may account for your well-being with family members.

For faculty and staff members, a message outlining guidance for your presence on campus through April 5 will follow shortly. As I write this, county-initiated shelter-in-place orders going into effect in surrounding counties allow exceptions for travel between home and higher education institutions. This remains fluid and follow-on letters from the Provost and HR will address this to our best ability.

Follow-on emails will also be sent to faculty and staff with additional, relevant information. On Wednesday, another update will be provided with further information about the continuation of classes for the remainder of this week and next. In the meantime, I encourage you to consult our [FAQ and information page](#), which continues to be updated with the latest information.

Thank you for your Gumby-like flexibility, attention to our cadets' well-being and education, and rapid responses in an array of continuously changing environment. Moreover, thank you for caring about your campus colleagues across Morrow Cove.

With gratitude,



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