Update on Telecommuting During the Spring Semester

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Greetings CDU Students, Faculty, and Staff,

I’m writing to share with each of you that, due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, CDU will continue in our current hybrid educational model and work environment for the upcoming Spring semester. There is too much uncertainty about the direction of the pandemic to envision a possibility of a greater return to campus at this time.

This means that the vast majority of our teaching will remain on-line and that we will maintain the current minimal presence of on-campus staffing to ensure the continued operation of our University and its programs. The only students who will be receiving in-person instruction in the Spring semester are those enrolled in health professions programs (Nursing, Medicine, Physician Assistant, and Radiologic Technology) that have been granted an exemption by the L.A. County Department of Public Health for required laboratory and simulation learning, as well as clinical rotations. We will continue to engage in dialogue with the Department of Public Health regarding the possibility of additional opportunities to return to our campus.

Please know that we are not alone in this regard, as most higher education institutions that I am aware of in California have announced continued on-line operations for their Spring academic periods.

I want to thank each of you for your enthusiasm, dedication, and hard work during this most challenging period. This includes our students who’ve had to learn a new way of learning, our faculty who have had to master a new way of teaching, and our staff who’ve had to continue to perform in a remote working environment. I commit to you that I, and everyone at CDU, will continue to strive to provide the best educational and working environment that we can under these very trying circumstances.

Sincerely,

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