

**SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY NOTIFICATION**

**DATE: April 7, 2021**

Dear NDNU Community,

**COVID-19 Update**

***Vaccinations*** – California Government officials have generated a COVID-19 vaccine plan to vaccinate most Californians in all 58 counties by summer 2021. For more information on the state’s 3-Phase plan for vaccination distribution, please visit [California’s COVID-19 Response Page](#).

If you have not already registered, we encourage you to visit <https://myturn.ca.gov/> (in Spanish and English) as well as the San Mateo County Health webpage <https://www.smchealth.org/post/covid-19-vaccine>.

***New COVID-19 variants*** – New variants of COVID-19 have been identified. Researchers have found several forms including the South African, Brazilian, and now the Indian variant. These new strains are more contagious than the original strain and vaccination effectiveness is being evaluated. For more information, please view ABC7 NEWS’ interview with Benjamin Pinsky, MD regarding the [New ‘double mutant’ COVID-19 variant identified in Bay Area](#).

As of April 5, 2021:

- California has administered [19,894,885 total vaccinations](#)
- San Mateo County has reported a total of [40,618 current cases](#) of COVID-19

San Mateo County Health has been tracking COVID-19 data and has compiled the information into a Data Dashboard. The Dashboard is updated daily and reflects information collected from the previous day. To stay up to date with San Mateo’s Health Data Dashboard, please visit the [County Data Dashboard](#).

While San Mateo County, as well as other counties, have started the process of reopening, it is still recommended to wear a face covering, stay 6-feet apart from others, and limit group settings to your immediate households. [Follow these San Mateo County Health guidelines to further protect yourself](#). For more information regarding California’s tier assignments, metrics, and businesses currently open near you, please visit the [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#). For more information regarding State limitations at this time, please visit California’s [“About COVID-19 restrictions”](#) page.

***Testing*** - Free testing is currently available in San Mateo as listed on the [County of San Mateo website](#). For all other areas, you can perform a google search by using the key words “Free COVID testing [your city or county].” You may also reach out to your health care provider – just as you would with any other health concern. If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, San Mateo County Health Department has provided a [list of instructions to follow during your isolation period](#).

We urge you to please follow [national, world health organization, state](#) and [regional news](#) to stay updated on most recent updates.

**FROM THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN RESOURCES**  
**Current on-campus Access Protocol due to limited Public Safety staffing:**

If you need assistance from Public Safety (PS) for access purposes, please notify the PS Office **prior** to your arrival. This will ensure their ability to assist you. If you do not receive an immediate response, scheduling an alternative time would be advised. The current PS Office hours are:

Sunday.....6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Monday..... 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
Tuesday..... 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
Wednesday..... 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
Thursday..... 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
Friday.....1:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
Saturday.....1:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

To check-in upon your arrival to campus, please call or text 650-504-0656 or email [security@ndnu.edu](mailto:security@ndnu.edu). This check-in procedure is required for Public Safety to track all on campus activity to keep our campus community safe.

**We ask for your utmost collaboration for your safety and the safety of others.**

Reminder to employees of the protocols in place when on campus.

- **Only come to campus if you are feeling well**
- Immediately notify Public Safety by email, phone, or in-person when you arrive
- **Wear a face mask**, unless you are in your office and there is no one else with you
- **Wear a face mask** when outside your office and/or outside
- **Wear a face mask** when meeting with others
- Request others e.g., visitors, vendors, guests, bring a face mask and wear it
- Social distancing protocols of at least six feet to be observed
- Hand sanitizers/disposable wipes are located in most offices and communal areas so we ask that you use them regularly

**NDNU Gellert Library Hours – Spring 2021**

Monday.....10:00AM to 4:00PM  
Tuesday..... 10:00AM to 4:00PM  
Wednesday.... 10:00AM to 4:00PM  
Thursday..... 10:00AM to 4:00PM  
Friday..... 10:00AM to 4:00PM

The Notre Dame De Namur University Gellert Library continues to offer Live Curbside Service 3 days a week (Tuesday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.). For more information, please visit the [NDNU Library webpage](#).