



SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY NOTIFICATION

DATE: September 9, 2020

Dear NDNU Community,

COVID-19 Update

San Mateo County is currently considered a “widespread” risk level as of today. This means there are more than 7 new cases daily per 100,000 individuals (a total of more than 8% positive cases). For more information regarding these metrics and as well as which businesses are currently open near you, please visit California’s [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#).

Shelter-in-Place Status

As of August 2, 2020 the county of San Mateo has been added to California’s COVID-19 [monitoring list](#). If the county exceeds the state’s case rate threshold for three consecutive days, certain industries and activities will be required to cease operations unless they can be modified to operate outside or by pick-up. Individuals who violate health orders, including refusing to wear a face covering in San Mateo County and commercial entities who allow these violations now risk incurring fines after the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors adopted an [urgency ordinance allowing the new penalties immediately](#). [Follow these CDC guidelines to further protect yourself. Keep up to date with the "Shelter-in-Place" order.](#)

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

Vote by Mail in this Year’s Election

The deadline to register to vote online or by mail in this year’s election is Monday, October 19, 2020 to be eligible participate on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. If you do not meet this deadline, you can still register to vote in person through Tuesday, November 3, 2020. If you are not yet registered, you can sign up today using this [link](#). This link will also provide you information on how to vote by mail.

Election Day is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

California Wildfires

The California fires are still impacting Californians in various counties. The county of San Mateo has issued evacuations for several areas surrounding the current live fires. These incidents have not been contained and present breathing risks. When outdoors, wear protective breathing material to protect yourself from inhaling floating particles. The CDC has prepared additional information to inform the public of best practices during [Natural Disasters and Severe Weather](#).

For the most current evacuation information, please refer to the [CZU Lightning Complex web page](#). If you would like to receive email updates, please use this [link](#).

For live fire updates, please refer to the [Cal Fire web page](#).

NDNU Student Fees Notification

The current COVID-19 pandemic has created many new experiences for our students and the University to navigate. Our concern for the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff led to our decision to provide remote instruction for the 2020-2021 academic year in nearly all courses. Because of this, NDNU will waive a number of fees that would normally be charged to student accounts. Please refer to NDNU's [Tuition and Fees page](#) for more details.

CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grant Report

First and foremost is the health and well-being of Notre Dame de Namur University (NDNU) students, employees (faculty and staff), and our extended community. NDNU is supporting eligible graduate and undergraduate students by providing emergency financial aid grants from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. [Learn more about the CARES ACT here](#). Corresponding [CARES Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#), can be found here.

SWAG – Campus Apparel Shop

Wondering how you can order Notre Dame De Namur University apparel? The online shop is up and running. Many items are available to order. Browse popular items such as shirts, sweaters, bags, mugs and so much more. Check out the [NDNU Online Shop](#) today.

Current on-campus Access Protocol

The Ralston entrance to campus has been adjusted to reduce and deter unnecessary traffic into campus. Public Safety needs you to check-in upon your arrival to campus by calling/texting 650-504- 0656 or emailing secutrity@ndnu.edu.

You can also email Public Safety at security@ndnu.edu. This check-in procedure is required for Public Safety to track all on campus activity to keep our campus community safe. Remember, we continue to house on-campus residents. We ask for your utmost collaboration for your safety and the safety of others.

Reminder for employees of the protocols in place for when you are 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 to bring a face mask and wear it.
- Social distancing protocols of at least six feet should be observed.
- Hand sanitizers and disposable wipes are located in most offices and communal areas. Make sure to use them.