



**SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY NOTIFICATION**

**DATE: November 20, 2020**

Dear NDNU Community,

**COVID-19 Update**

In a [Press Conference](#) on November 16, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom provided an update to California's coronavirus response. It was reported that California has experienced the highest spike in positive COVID-19 cases since March, 2020 when the coronavirus was identified in our region. Starting November 19, 2020 California is issuing a limited Stay-at-Home order. Non-essential work and gatherings must cease from 10:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. daily in counties identified as "Widespread" or purple tier (41 counties). Fortunately, San Mateo County is currently in the "Substantial" tier or red, but this can change.

For more information regarding on California's tier assignments, metrics, and businesses currently open near you, please visit the [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#). 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](#).

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.

According to the [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#), "More than 1 million COVID-19 cases were reported in the United States over the last 7 days. As cases continue to increase rapidly across the United States, the safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving is to celebrate at home with the people you live with." They have also listed many tips for traveling during the holidays if you absolutely must.

San Mateo is still on California's COVID-19 [monitoring list](#). 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.

### **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 at [secutrity@ndnu.edu](mailto:secutrity@ndnu.edu).

You can also email Public Safety at [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. 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, 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.

### **SWAG – Campus Apparel Shop**

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