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Dear National University Students,

As the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has gained public attention over the last few weeks, we want to provide information and precautions being taken by National University. I want to assure you that the safety and well-being of every student, faculty, and staff member is our top priority. Consequently, we are taking immediate precautions.

National University's Safety Management Team continues to closely monitor recommendations from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), as well as state and county public health departments to inform university-specific guidelines and actions.

According to the [California Department of Public Health](#), the risk of COVID-19 exposure within California remains low. No confirmed cases of the virus exist among members of the NU community. At this time, all NU campuses will continue normal operations. However, we are limiting large-scale events and community gatherings at NU facilities. If student-based activities change, we will communicate immediately.

For those students approaching graduation, we are acting in accordance with Santa Clara County Department of Public Health guidelines and **postponing National University's Northern Commencement Ceremony** to a later date. Similarly, **National University's Southern Commencement Ceremony will be delayed** until further notice.

As there are a number of understandable questions, you can find the most current information on NU's COVID-19 webpage at [nu.edu/coronavirus](https://nu.edu/coronavirus), which includes an FAQ and links to additional resources.

Our primary focus is campus-wide health, well-being, and preparedness. We encourage you to continue to follow CDC-recommended precautions and to please direct questions or concerns to NU's Safety Management Team at [safety@nu.edu](mailto:safety@nu.edu).

Remember that NU is a diverse community that values compassion, understanding, inclusivity, equity, and global engagement. Thank you for being both responsive and sympathetic during this ever-changing global public health concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David W. Andrews".

David W. Andrews, Ph.D.

President