

Dear ECO Education Student/Candidate/Mentor,

I hope that this correspondence finds you well.

At Education and Community Outreach (ECO), we are aware there are many questions about the impacts of the novel Coronavirus (COVID19) on programming offered by UC San Diego Extension, particularly for educators working in schools that may be closed as the result of the global health crisis. Our primary concern is the health and well-being of our students, staff, instructors and their families.

Our Extension leadership and university experts are working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the California Department of Public Health and San Diego County Public Health to ensure your ongoing safety for all populations at UC San Diego. As local, national and global public health recommendations shift to include mitigation of transmission, we are proactively taking steps that will help to protect the community.

With that in mind, effective immediately, several campus-wide guidelines have been instituted to mitigate exposure to coronavirus (COVID-19). Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla issued a statement that can be viewed [here](#).

We recognize that there is the possibility that you may be affected by COVID19 during the Spring quarter. Although our online coursework will continue as scheduled through spring quarter, we understand that students, candidates and mentors in our teacher education programs may not be able to complete required assignments because of school / district closures. We have asked that our instructional team be flexible with assignment content and deadlines as program parameters permit. Please reach out to your instructor directly for modifications or revised submission dates.

If you have any concerns or questions about impacts of school/district closures or COVID19 generally, please contact your program manager. I am also at your disposal to answer any questions, mappel@ucsd.edu.

We thank you for your patience during these uncertain times and thank you for your service to our shared students. Should you have any concerns or questions, please contact me directly. For more information and updates on our campus response to the COVID-19, please see <https://extension.ucsd.edu/student-resources/COVID-19-Updates>.

With my kindest regards,

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