Dear Aggies,

Thank you for your efforts in support of your fellow Aggies and for following public health guidance, which has helped to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our community both on and off campus. We remain dedicated to supporting and partnering with you as we navigate the rest of this challenging year together.

We know that many of you are thinking ahead to Fall 2021, especially as it relates to housing. With that in mind, we are writing to share a few updates relevant to the remainder of this academic year as well as the upcoming year. Future directions and decisions will remain dependent on approval from local public health authorities, and such decisions may be adjusted to preserve the safety and well-being of the community.

FALL HOUSING INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

In a recent letter to faculty, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Mary Croughan and Academic Senate Chair Richard Tucker stated that we expect instruction and research operations to return to pre-pandemic, in-person delivery at the start of the next academic year in September 2021. While this is the current expectation, the pandemic can be unpredictable, and changes might have to be made as we get closer to the next academic year.

With those considerations in mind, we know there are benefits for students who live near campus, such as more equitable access to campus facilities, resources and internet as well as opportunities for social interaction when public health guidance allows. **In order to be ready for fall quarter, we recommend that students finalize their research and make their housing selection as soon as possible.**

While the housing decision is a personal one for each student and family, you are also not alone in making this decision. Campus is here to support you in your search for housing information and evaluating your options. We recommend that students read their lease or housing agreement carefully and understand the lease terms, options for termination, subleasing or any other options that could add flexibility to the agreement.

For example, some properties may offer a quarter-by-quarter leasing term, which may be a more desirable option in the case of an unexpected shift in public health guidance.

In addition, we encourage students to contact any of the housing support resources listed below:

- Campus-managed properties (e.g., Residence Halls, The Green, Solano Park): [Student Housing and Dining Services](#)
- Properties not managed by campus (e.g., Sol at West Village, The Colleges, Russell Park, 8th & Wake, Domes, Co-ops, Atriums, Living Groups and other off-campus properties): Off-Campus Private Lease Help Desk provided by the [Aggie Compass Basic Needs Center](#) is available to provide support, referrals and resources to assist students navigating issues related to off-campus private leases (Phone: 530-752-9254; Email: compass@ucdavis.edu)
- [COVID-19 housing information page](#) provided by [ASUCD Student Legal Services](#). ASUCD is also helping to identify rental properties who are offering more flexible leasing options
- [Graduate Student Association Legal Services](#)
- [Legal Services of Northern California - Woodland Office](#)
- [City of Davis - Tenant Resources](#)
- [Tenants Together - Resource Page](#)
- California Apartment Association - [Coronavirus: Resources for navigating the outbreak](#)
- [California Tenants Handbook](#)

MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

With everything going on, it remains critical to take care of both your physical and mental health. Should you need it, Student Health and Counseling Services (SHCS) has expanded telehealth services to continue to [provide care for patients](#), with in-person visits scheduled as needed.

- Medical visits: Schedule a telephone visit through the [Health-e-Messaging portal](#) to initiate care. Speak with a SHCS nurse during normal business hours or the after-hours advice nurse service by calling 530-752-2349. If you are away from campus, SHCS may advise you on getting services where you are, if needed.
- Mental health visits: Please review the [COVID-19 Mental Health Resource Flyer](#) for more information about mental health appointments, crisis support and self-care that is available, based on where you are residing.

CAMPUS READY CHECK-IN

With evolving state and local health guidance informing our campus response and directives, we began sending weekly text messages in mid-November as an additional way to communicate key information, timely updates and reminders to students during the pandemic. If you have not received the text updates and would like to, please update your contact information at the [UC Davis WarnMe and Aggie Alert page](#).

The [Students and Families page](#) and [Student FAQ](#) on the Campus Ready website are the two main COVID-19 related information resources for students. You should pay particular attention to the sections about:

- [COVID-19 Vaccination Program](#) - we are currently accepting appointments for UC Davis employees (including student employees) who are working in person, on campus. Continue to check this webpage for updates on eligible groups as the vaccine supply increases over time
- [COVID-19 Testing Program](#) - includes testing guidance, locations and FAQs
- [Daily Symptom Survey](#) - required to access campus facilities
- [Gatherings, Events and Meeting Guidance for Campus](#) - this will be updated as guidance evolves from state and county public health directives
- Information about [Quarantine and Isolation](#) and [Contact Tracing Efforts](#)

Specific plans for the resumption of in-person classes and research operations, including starting dates and safety protocols, will be announced in the coming months as we consult with local health authorities. We have made great progress, so let's continue to be vigilant in our efforts and remain on a positive path for our gradual return to campus.
#EveryAggieTogether

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