

[mmgst] On behalf of Chair Heyer- MMG update 3/26/2020

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Dear colleagues

I hope this message finds you well. Here is a weekly update that is trying not to copy the updates from the Dean, instead focusing on issues directly impacting MMG.

First of all, thanks to everybody for all their hard work and amazing flexibility during the last weeks. The office is successfully working from home, research has ramped down, and we have a clear picture and plan for each lab. Thank you!

MMG operations

1. Tomorrow, Friday March 27 is Cesar Chavez Holiday. Enjoy the long weekend and try to unwind before the onslaught of the Spring Quarter with all its challenges.
2. Thanks to all the labs, who donated PPE and other items to the UC Davis Health System. The first drive went great, other drives are likely to follow.
3. Receiving in the business office is going well, dry ice and liquid nitrogen were delivered.
4. Mail delivery on campus is suspended but pickup at the Mail Center is coordinated between the CBS departments once a week on Tuesdays.
5. Facilities is responding promptly to requests.
6. Silent Knight is monitoring freezers and cold boxes

Teaching Spring 2020

1. Check out the Teaching Tips, Notes and Suggestions section of the departmental Covid19 page
2. Remember to use the first week as a soft start to the quarter, issues will arise so have back up plans.
3. Practice with your TAs on holding zoom chats, makes sure they work before you use them for real. They can get complicated. If you have any issues, please contact Bradford.
4. Mitch strongly suggests you have your first 2 to 3 lectures prerecorded in case zoom goes down.

Enjoy the long weekend and good luck for the start of the Spring Quarter
Stay healthy

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