

Dear CGU and KGI Students, Faculty, and Staff:

Until further notice, Claremont Graduate University and Keck Graduate Institute will continue standard class schedules and course delivery.

Responding to the rapid spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), the leaders of the five undergraduate institutions of The Claremont Colleges today announced that they would shift all course instruction to online for the foreseeable future. The undergraduate institutions are requesting that students not return to campus after spring break and instead continue their studies remotely through the online portal.

Their decision was made because of the proximity in which the undergrad students live, dine, and study on their campuses. Much consideration was given to the impact on students and their families, and that decision was deemed prudent, given the rapid transmission rate and highly contagious nature of the virus.

Our students at CGU and KGI experience different campus dynamics than those at the undergraduate institutions; all students commute or live in graduate apartments, many of them are off campus completing rotations or internships, and class size and event attendance are generally in smaller groups. As a result, we do not believe that a complete switch to online delivery is warranted at this time.

We will continue standard class schedules and course delivery for now, although both institutions are prepared to provide full online instruction should it become necessary. As you know, CGU and KGI do offer programs entirely online at this time, and the infrastructure is in place should other courses need to be delivered via an online format. We are ready to adjust our teaching, but we continue to prioritize our students' educational experience balanced with social and health concerns as we make critical decisions.

While we are continuing standard campus operations, we are implementing a variety of precautionary measures around travel and events. Additionally, we urge everyone in the CGU and KGI communities to follow the recommendations from the CDC and our local public health departments.

There are no known or confirmed cases at any of the seven institutions of The Claremont Colleges at this time. Administrators at each of the colleges are diligently monitoring the situation and closely following advice from the health authorities to continue to protect our students, faculty, and staff and do our part to inhibit the spread of the virus.

For ongoing updates and more information regarding guidance for online instruction prep, travel, events, and telecommuting, please visit [CGU's COVID-19 status page](#) and [KGI's COVID-19 status page](#).

For specific questions, you may reach out to the appropriate members of our campus:

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Your health is our foremost concern.

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