

To the UC Davis Veterinary Medicine community:

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we are keeping the safety of our people and animals and our role in public health foremost in our minds. **In this critical period, I want you to know how much we value your support.** UC Davis Veterinary Medicine would not exist without its alumni, clients, volunteers, donors and friends.

For our hospital and clinics, this means that we are continuing to see emergency and urgent cases and cases where ongoing treatments are essential, such as oncology services. Allowing our team to focus on these cases means that we can still provide essential patient care while following social distancing guidelines and accommodating fluctuations in staffing. For those of you with upcoming appointments, please see [our hospital website](#) for the latest updates to scheduling.

You may have been planning to attend a school event in the near future. **Our upcoming events are canceled, postponed, or moved online**, and we continue to assess the situation for events that are further out. You can [contact us](#) if you are unsure of the status of a particular event.

We are also **protecting the health of our students** by moving to online coursework while maintaining student services such as mental health counseling. While maintaining flexibility, we will also ensure that our students graduate fully prepared to serve as veterinarians.

We also **continue to serve as leaders** in understanding, preventing and responding to zoonotic diseases, including COVID-19. To learn more about our role, research and public service, as well as to read general updates on what is happening with the school during this period, please visit our [Coronavirus Resources page](#).

We know that everyone is experiencing hardships because of the current situation, and our hearts are with you. Thank you for your patience and support as we provide necessary care and help respond to this crisis, while keeping the safety of our community paramount.

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