

MARYMOUNT

CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY

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Dear Mariners,

Effective immediately, MCU has suspended intercollegiate athletics for the spring 2021 season. Following this decision, the university will also close the Villas for the spring semester.

An unprecedented surge in coronavirus infections and Covid-19 deaths in Los Angeles County, along with the state's current stay-at-home order issued in early December, has regrettably impeded our desire to resume athletic competition in a safe manner and offer housing for our spring athletes and those who were previously granted a hardship exception.

I know this decision will be disappointing to our student athletes and all who support them, and we would like nothing more than to compete. However, with the current state of the pandemic and the direction it is trending, the health and well-being of our Mariner family must take precedence. Even with stringent protocols and testing, there is no guarantee that participating in athletic events will not spread the coronavirus among athletes and the community you live in. We feel a responsibility to provide the least amount of risk to you and your families.

MCU is not alone in its decision. Several of our rivals in the California Pacific Conference have also cancelled sports for the remaining 2020-2021 academic year.

The suspension of spring sports affects 16 MCU teams — men's baseball; women's softball, beach and indoor volleyball; men's and women's cross country, golf, soccer, tennis and track, as well as co-ed eSports and surf.

We know you have questions and concerns, so please feel free to reach out to your individual coaches or to Courtney Thomsen at cthomsen@marymountcalifornia.edu or (310) 303-7325.

Residents of the Villas can expect a refund of spring housing fees and deposits by January 15. Should you need assistance finding alternative housing or if you have specific questions about your current housing contract, please contact Chad Fehr at cfehr@marymountcalifornia.edu or (310) 303-7322.

We continue to anticipate the wide distribution of Covid-19 vaccines soon, but until that happens we will make decisions with the health and safety of the entire university community in mind. Thank you for your understanding and continued resilience.



Brian Marcotte
President