

February 5, 2021

Dear Mariner Family,

On January 25, the California Department of Public Health ended the regional stay at home order, lifting it for all regions statewide, including the Southern California region.

This action allows all counties statewide to return to the rules and framework of the [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) and color-coded tiers that indicate which activities and businesses are open based on local case rates and test positivity. The majority of the counties are in the strictest, or purple tier, including Los Angeles.

While this is a step in the right direction, it has not changed our situation. The campus remains closed with all classes and services operating remotely. The COVID-19 Compliance Task Force continues to meet regularly, and we are working closely with the County of Los Angeles and public health experts to inform current operations and future decisions. Now is not the time to relax. We must remain vigilant against this deadly virus and continue to stay home as much as possible.

**To limit the spread in our own community, please remain diligent in following the three W's: Wear a face covering, wash your hands and watch your distance from others whenever possible.**

If you are visiting campus, continue to use the QR code (posted all around campus) or [this link](#) if you are on campus. Do not come to campus if you are ill or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.

The Graduation Committee is beginning to develop plans for this year's commencement while we await guidelines from the County. Should we be permitted to host in-person events, we will also plan for attendees to participate virtually if they wish. We will share more details as plans are solidified.

As you know, our athletics program has been suspended for Spring 2021; however, we encourage coaches and student athletes to get vaccinated if possible. Contact your health care provider prior to obtaining a vaccination.

COVID-19 vaccinations are recommended for everyone, but always consult your health care provider.

Vaccination options are increasing. You can find more information from these resources:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/vaccine/index.htm>.

<https://covid19.ca.gov/>

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If you encounter students who need help finding a medical provider, please direct them to the Student Wellness Center at (310) 303-7244 or email [Wellness@MarymountCalifornia.edu](mailto:Wellness@MarymountCalifornia.edu). For immediate answers to health questions anytime, anywhere, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, SHIP students can call the NurseLine at (800) 634-7629 and non-SHIP students can call the NurseLine at (877) 856-8163.

Be well,

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