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Subject: Updated guidance for health care personnel and clarification of March 5, 2020 updated directive on non-essential travel restrictions

As you know, the University of California is working diligently and collaboratively across the enterprise to ensure that faculty, staff, students, patients and the UC community are informed and safe during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. This letter updates previously-issued guidance about travelers returning from countries designated with a Level 3 Travel Health Notice by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and provides new guidance in some areas. The situation will continue to evolve; ongoing and updated information on UC’s response to coronavirus will be posted here: ucal.us/coronavirus.

Consistent with Governor Newsom’s March 30 executive order to expand the health care workforce and updated guidance from the CDC that allows asymptomatic health care workers to remain in clinical care with specific precautions, we amend the President’s letter from March 5 to no longer require a 14-day quarantine of asymptomatic health care workers returning from Level 3 countries or from US states and other domestic locations with CDC travel restrictions related to COVID-19. Additionally, we note that the governor’s stay-at-home directive exempts health care workers and other essential personnel.

We continue to monitor ongoing developments and updated guidance from the CDC and local, state, and federal public health authorities in the UC systemwide Emergency Operations Management Response Team (MRT). We will provide new guidance as warranted.

Against a backdrop of discouraging news about this public health emergency, we also hear inspiring stories of UC’s clinicians, researchers and staff who are on the front lines. Simple but deeply meaningful acts of kindnesses and our pursuit of the science behind this virus will carry us through this difficult time.

Yours very truly,

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