

Dear Explore SDSU Participants,

San Diego State University continues to closely follow the guidance of our local, state and nation's public health officials and agencies to ensure our response to the global health concern associated with the coronavirus (COVID-19). The university's priority remains with the safety and well-being of its students, faculty, staff and campus visitors.

With the greatest level of caution, SDSU has decided to cancel Explore SDSU. Public health officials within local and state agencies affirm that the risk to California residents remains low, and no cases of COVID-19 exist in any members of the SDSU community. As this is true, the public health guidance we have received continues to emphasize that healthy habits and good personal hygiene coupled with minimizing close contact among those who are ill represent the best means to restrict the possible spread of COVID-19.

With the guidance of the California State University system, SDSU will make decisions whether to cancel or delay campus events, to include large-scale events and meetings based on the following criteria:

- The essential nature of the event to the mission of the university.
- The availability to offer or host alternative modalities, including virtual options.
- The necessity for air travel.
- Susceptibility for the audience to be at increased risk for infection by COVID-19
- Current direction or guidance from local health departments.

We recognize that the move to cancel Explore SDSU represents both a significant and unexpected adjustment for the students, parents and families we planned to host, as well as our campus community and others who planned to support the event. We made this decision after careful consideration and consultation with both public health authorities and officials within the California State University system.

Also, at this time and through consultation with the CSU and county health officials, the university is not cancelling other large-scale events, but is assessing the possibility of doing so on a case-by-case basis.

While we are deeply disappointed to have to cancel what is one of our most important community events for future students and their parents and families, this is a prudent decision given the continued global spread of COVID-19 and shifting availability of travel given its spread. Please continue to visit the [university's public-facing COVID-19 web page](#), where we provide regular updates.

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