

**COVID-19 Teleconference with LA County Public Health for  
Colleges and Universities  
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**SPEAKERS**

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**MAJOR CONCERNS**

- LA County's numbers are still too high and the county remains on the monitoring list
- LA County's case count is 327/100,000 people; to get off the list, our numbers need to get to 100/100,000
- There are positive indicators, including a decrease in hospitalizations
- However, there is a shift in those becoming infected right now: highest case increase is in people 18 to 30 years old, which is part of the reason the county is not ready to bring thousands of young people together
- In new cases, 79 percent are now occurring in people under 50; 25-30 percent are occurring in people 18-30
- When numbers get to 200/100,000 the County will open K-12 and see how that goes before opening other sectors

**REVISED PROTOCOLS**

Collegiate sports can proceed as long as California Department of Public Health guidance is followed

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- Q. Are visitors from outside Los Angeles County allowed to come on to campus?
- We want to limit as many visitors as possible right now.
- Q. Individual work: can a student go to a practice room/studio (for art, music, dance) by themselves when the activity can't be done at home virtually?
- County's intent is clear: Students who are completing programs that contribute to the essential workforce are the only ones permitted to come to campus.
- Q. Athletics: Still exclusively outdoors? Yes
- Q. Community members/visitors on campus: Should we discourage visitors?
- Put sign up on campus saying it's closed. Yes, discourage even if you can't really stop anyone
  - However, it's fine if people are walking through
  - No tours and no events
- Q. Do you anticipate a slow rolling re-opening or a free-for-all opening?
- No, it will be a slow roll.
- Q. Allied Health: how broadly can we interpret these guidelines?
- Audiologists, social workers, lab technicians are considered part of health care essential workers. Athletic trainers are not.

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