

UPDATE-Protocol for Colleges and Universities Released



LA County's Department of Public Health (DPH) has released its [Protocol for Institutes of Higher Education](#), which, among other things, states essential operations at colleges and universities may continue, but most academic instruction must continue to be done virtually. Regrettably, LA County's community transmission rates remain high.

If you haven't read it yet, below we share highlights on what's new or may have changed:

- **Institutions may continue to offer in person training;**
- **Instruction only for students who are or will become part of the essential workforce** (and only for required activities that cannot be accomplished through virtual learning);
- **Faculty and other staff may come to campus for the purpose of providing distance learning**, and other activities related to the purposes above, as well as maintaining minimum basic operations;
- **Colleges and universities should limit their on-campus student residency** to only providing housing for students who have no alternative housing options;
- **Collegiate sports** may ONLY proceed in compliance with all the [California Department of Public Health Specific Interim Guidance for Collegiate Athletics](#).

DPH continues to work closely with the State to ensure that when students return to campuses, the environment will be safe for all. As guidance is updated, we will let you know.