

### **Update 3/12/2020:**

California Aeronautical University (CAU) is continuing to monitor closely the evolving situation of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and we want to give you an update and offer some advisory as we prepare for any further developments. It is important for our CAU community to remain safe and that we encourage and/or adopt practices protecting the health of our community members (students and employees) to ensure the continuity of education. This update and advisory contains important information for all CAU community members. However much of the focus in this update and advisory is centered on the main residential campus located in Bakersfield, CA. all health considerations contained within this communication still has relevance to our flight center locations.

### **Guest/Visitor Considerations**

In assessing different risks and exposures to the CAU community, the University is asking all students and employees to consider the need for having guests or visitors, especially those that are known to have traveled recently from a community with active cases of the virus. We cannot expect everyone to know where someone may have recently visited outside of our campus community, however we ask that there be a respectful consciousness to potential outside exposures. Communities with active cases are continuing to update and attached is the March 9th graphical map depicting California counties impacted by a community transmission.

### **Travel Considerations**

Many CAU community members are living on campus and we all must consider our campus also serves as a "home" to those community members. Together we all must do our best to respect everyone's susceptibilities to illness and what influence we have on bringing any illness or otherwise "home" and overall to our campus. To assist in ensuring a limited exposure and introduction of COVID-19 to Kern County and the CAU community "home", the university is advising that any one traveling to an area with active cases of the virus, to assess their need for such travel and strongly consider not traveling as appropriate. To assist with any travel assessments please be attentive to CDC travel information (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/>).



### **[COVID-19 information for Travelers | CDC](#)**

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During this heightened time of awareness, The University advises everyone to give consideration to the CAU community when basing decisions for travel. Use appropriate resources to assess levels of risk and

determine overall need for travel. Likely decisions will be involving weekend visits home to family or planned travel otherwise that might not be needed during this more cautious and a consideration for others period of time. Choose your travels wisely.

### **Continuity of Course Offering**

In the event the university determines some or all of the residential courses are not in the safety interests of the CAU community, the University will be transitioning from in-person meetings and classes to distributed or fully virtual/distance education modalities. Fully virtual/distance education means that all course material is delivered through a web-based format, whereas a distributed class may include aspects of digital or web-supported formats, such as synchronous live lectures delivered from one's office or distributed materials that are returned to the instructor via a variety of modalities. In preparations for any eventuality of these options becoming a prominent delivery mode, the university, starting next quarter, March 16th, 2020, will be working with instructors and students to ensure everyone is prepared to receive their educational materials, instruction and other course required activities using distance education or educational supporting resources.

Given the hands on nature of many of our courses that require flight training, the university would expect to continue offering residential flight training labs at all of its facilities until such time, due to health safety concerns, it would require a suspension of these course activities. It remains very important for everyone in any flight training lab course to maintain a clean aircraft environment following previous guidance provided in earlier emails to allow for the continued offering of flight training.

Any decision regarding delivery levels of virtual/distance education instruction would be meant to reduce the potential of people being infected and to protect those who are part of the CAU community. At present for residential students, the virtual or distributed class format is only being more integrated into the next quarters courses by seeking to ensure everyone has appropriate access, understandings and proper training as necessary. Given the fluidity of this situation and the guidance of CDC or other health professionals, the campus may make additional decisions regarding any transitional usages of our distance education resources in the future. CAU's current classes held in the distance education space will continue to be offered as such

CAU is not closed; business, academic and other services are continuing. Given that there are no current COVID-19 cases within the CAU community, nor are there any cases of community transmission in Kern county as of March 11, CAU will remain fully open for normal educational activities and otherwise until further notice. For our distance education students attending flight lab courses at our flight training centers in San Diego and Ventura counties, the same applies, CAU will remain open until further notice.

Thank you for your continued understandings and practicing healthy behaviors that respect the whole CAU community.