

California Aeronautical University (CAU) continues to monitor the rapidly evolving advisories and responses related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) including continued CDC information. Our interests remain focused on making sound and rational decisions that are in the best interests of the health and safety of the CAU community (students and employees).

Considering available information regarding COVID-19 and the University's interest in preserving continuity of education, including flight lab courses, traveling wisely is important. Flight lab training courses are uniquely required for many students pursuing a degree in Aeronautics. For the students attending our main Bakersfield campus we are strongly advising students to limit all unnecessary travel. This travel advisory would include limiting unnecessary off campus and especially further departures from Kern County, which currently is reporting no confirmed cases of COVID-19.

The University has prepared for many courses offered next quarter to be available through distance education delivery resources. To ensure all residential students familiarity, these resources are planned to be introduced next week during the first in person class sessions currently scheduled for each course.

Given the delivery resources of aircraft and other on campus related dispatched items required for flight lab courses training, the CAU community in order to continue flight operations will need to practice behaviors that limit any risk for introduction of COVID-19. Travel by CAU community members, residential or off campus, to areas outside of Kern County, especially those with cases of COVID-19, may introduce unnecessary risk to our campus community. By limiting the introduction of uncertain risks through advising everyone to consider canceling unnecessary travel, the CAU community can better assure the health safety of everyone on campus and continue courses, especially including on campus required flight lab courses.

At this time the University continues to remain open and plans to begin the new quarter starting next Monday, March 16, 2020. We will continue the various considerations related to ensuring the CAU community health and safety in addition to preserving the continuity of all educational activities.

Thank you for your continued cooperation to ensure the CAU community remains healthy.