With August more than half over and our campuses preparing for the upcoming academic year, this edition of UC’s COVID-19 newsletter will focus on UC’s new president and back-to-school plans from across the UC system.

Before we jump into those updates, we want to address the California fires and send a huge thank you to the first responders, volunteers and all those working around the clock to protect our communities. Some of the fires have affected the UC community and below you will find brief updates, but please do not hesitate to reach out with additional questions.

- Last week, the residential campus at UC Santa Cruz was evacuated following a Declaration of Emergency by Chancellor Cynthia Larive and a subsequent evacuation order from CalFire.
- UC Davis is offering short-term emergency housing for campus affiliates including faculty, staff and registered students and their families who have been impacted by evacuations or lost their homes due to the wildfires. As of 8 pm PT on Aug. 22, UC Davis had provided emergency shelter for 45 people from 15 households.
- As of Sunday, the wildfires had burned six UC Natural Reserves, with a seventh threatened. The affected reserves are administered by UC Berkeley, UC Davis and UC Santa Cruz.

Last week, Dr. Michael V. Drake, M.D. assumed his role as the 21st president of UC’s 10 campuses, five academic health centers and three nationally affiliated labs. During these unprecedented times, we are especially thrilled to welcome President Drake back to the UC community. He sends his greetings and gratitude to the entire University community!

The Latest Back to School Information

- **UC Berkeley**: On July 21, UC Berkeley provided an update on campus plans for the upcoming fall semester, for which instruction begins on Aug. 26.
- **UC Davis**: Masks on campus, social distancing, limited class sizes, remote instruction, dormitories – UC Davis has a plan.
- **UC Irvine**: The campus has developed the UCI Coronavirus Information Hub that is updated regularly to reflect campus operations – including fall planning for students – as
well as guidance for faculty and staff with the latest advice and information from county, state and federal authorities.

- **UCLA**: On Aug. 21, campus leadership provided a fall update, which includes a shift to primarily remote instruction and reduced housing in accordance and consultation with public health authorities.
- **UC Merced**: Beginning on Aug. 26, the campus will open on schedule with a predominantly remote model for instruction, the latest information is being shared on the Campus Ready website.
- **UC Riverside**: The Campus Return website houses the university’s latest information on the upcoming fall quarter, including an Aug. 6 update outlining next steps in fall planning.
- **UC San Diego**: In preparing for the fall 2020 quarter, UC San Diego plans to welcome back students, faculty and staff through an incremental repopulation of campus, which began over the summer. Fall planning is taking place as part of the campus’ Return to Learn Program.
- **UCSF**: The campus has begun restarting some suspended campus and health operations, which are being implemented in coordination with local and state public health officials.
- **UC Santa Barbara**: The campus has announced preliminary plans for the upcoming fall quarter, including undergraduate and graduate instruction, campus housing, campus life, new-student orientation and more.
- **UC Santa Cruz**: The campus has developed a draft UC Santa Cruz resumption plan, which is a living document and will be updated regularly as planning progresses, conditions change and plans adapt. The plan is part of the campus’ Roadmap to Recovery.

### Campus and National Lab COVID-19 Resources

For the most up-to-date information on each campus and national lab’s COVID-19 response, as well as the latest on campus reopening plans, please visit their COVID-19 resource pages:

- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UC Irvine
- UCLA
- UC Merced
- UC Riverside
- UC San Diego
- UCSF
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- Los Alamos National Laboratory

If you have any questions about this update or other issues, please contact Chris Harrington with UC’s Office of Federal Governmental Relations.