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Dear Friends,

Today, the Governor of California issued a statewide stay-at-home order for all people not involved in “essential services.” There is ironically some ambiguity in the order, because schools have traditionally been classified as “essential services.” We will be seeking guidance on what this means for all of us but, in the meantime, it would be best if **all faculty and staff who live off campus stay home.**

We will be working with Tiffany Johnson and the food service employees tomorrow to understand what this means for our ability to deliver food service, so you can expect to hear more about that shortly. For now, we will serve breakfast in the morning.

We have interpreted “home” to apply to the entire Mesa, so those of us living on campus should not feel the need - unless we so choose - to literally remain inside our homes. Some of us will choose to go to our offices or walk our dogs or work outdoors. Others will make different choices. We will leave those choices appropriately in our individual care.

The entrance gate at the bottom of the hill will still be staffed because that function is clearly within the public safety guidelines.

One of the enduring lessons of the last few weeks is the virtue of adaptability. No doubt this will not be the last adjustment we will face during the coronavirus odyssey, but it is surely one we can manage as deftly as we have all the others.

Stay well all. We will share more information when we have it.

Servons,

Ben



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