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Health Care Facilities Remain Open

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Statement posted at 6:50 a.m. Nov. 14:

Chancellor May and other campus leaders have heard the community's concerns. The chancellor regrets any stress or inconvenience our previous update caused. We are all learning together. The Davis and Sacramento campuses will be closed today and classes canceled. The UC Davis hospitals, primary care clinics,

Fire Department later today. The UC Davis Police and Fire departments are continuing normal operations. We will provide further updates later today.

Statement posted at 9 p.m. Nov. 13:

After consulting with our UC Davis health and fire experts and monitoring updated guidance from other public health experts regarding air quality, UC Davis classes will resume on Wednesday, Nov. 14; however, all outdoor physical education classes are canceled. In order to encourage people to refrain from excessive outdoor physical activity, Unitrans will offer free rides for students, faculty and staff throughout the day, from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

UC Davis Health pulmonary specialists recommend tracking the [air quality index \(AQI\)](#) in your region. When the AQI is over 100 (unhealthy for sensitive groups) or over 150 for everyone, please follow these guidelines:

Minimize outdoor activity and stay inside whenever possible

Keep all windows, doors and vents shut

If you exercise, only do so indoors

Students, faculty and staff who have chronic cardiopulmonary diseases such as asthma, COPD and coronary artery disease, or those who are pregnant or do not feel well due to the smoke, should monitor their symptoms and consult with their health care provider, or seek care at an urgent care center or emergency department if symptoms increase.

UC Davis will have a limited supply of N95 masks for students and employees, available on a first-come, first-served basis. Masks will be available beginning Wednesday midday at the Memorial Union and the UC Davis Fire Department on the Davis campus, and at Employee Health, UC Davis Health on the Sacramento campus.

Please note that prolonged use of N95 respirator mask can exacerbate symptoms in

supervision. Please see links to public health advisories from [Sacramento](#) and [Yolo County](#) public health officers regarding mask use and consult with your health care provider about the benefits and risks of mask use.

Our concern for the health and safety of our community is our priority. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as needed.

Frequently asked questions

Are there N95 masks available on campus for students and staff?

We will have N95 masks for those with high medical risks available midday Wednesday, Nov. 14, at the Memorial Union and the UC Davis Fire Department on the Davis campus, and at Employee Health, UC Davis Health on the Sacramento campus.

What if I have asthma or don't feel well with the smoke outside?

Students, faculty and staff who have chronic cardiopulmonary diseases such as asthma, COPD and coronary artery disease, or those who do not feel well due to the smoke, should take precautions and consult with their health care provider.

UC Davis Health pulmonary specialists recommend tracking the [air quality index \(AQI\) in your region](#). When the AQI exceeds 100 (unhealthy for sensitive groups) or 150 (unhealthy for everyone), please follow these guidelines:

- Stay inside

- Close all windows and doors

- If you exercise, do so only indoors

Those with chronic lung conditions should closely monitor their symptoms and consult their health care provider if shortness of breath increases. If symptoms worsen and don't respond to medication, don't delay getting to an urgent care center or emergency

improve over the next couple of days?

UC Davis is carefully monitoring the air quality reports and forecasts and continuing to consult our many air quality and health experts across campus. We will let the campus community know of any additional announcements.

Whose decision is it to cancel classes and what logistics are needed to close classes?

The decision is made by campus leadership in coordination with the Academic Senate. UC Davis and regional health and fire experts were also consulted.

Will the Causeway Classic be canceled? Or any other athletic activity?

Practices have been moved to times when the air quality is within NCAA guidelines. Determination about playing the Causeway Classic will be made later this week in consideration with those same guidelines.

Will there be further updates about this issue?

We will be updating this site with any additional or new information.

Statement posted at 7 a.m. Nov. 13:

UC Davis classes in Davis and Sacramento are canceled on Tuesday, Nov. 13, due to poor air quality as a result of the Butte County fire.

The campuses are open. All employees should report to work; however, those who work outdoors should limit activity. Please be safe.

For air quality information, visit the [Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District](#) or the [Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality District](#).

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