

Actions taken by FPU

City of Fresno Shelter-in-Place Order

FPU is honoring the shelter-in-place mandate issued by the City of Fresno extending from 12:01 a.m. Thursday, March 19, through Tuesday, March 31, 2020. (Though the final date may be extended.) The university will follow this mandate for all its campuses.

The offices at the main FPU campus and all regional campuses will be physically closed, but all service areas will remain operational for as long as the mandate is in effect. Most staff will work remotely, with a minimal number on campus. Students and others can contact the offices via telephone, email or the website.

For students living on the main campus, residence halls and the dining hall remain open and operational.

Rescheduling May 2020 Commencement activities

Rescheduling commencement, set for May 9, 2020, and associated events, including the Graduate Hooding Ceremony, Seminary Gala, Multicultural Celebration and Graduate Research Symposium. “This decision was made after much deliberation, relying on expert advice from public health agencies and with our peers at other institutions of higher learning. We realize commencement is a significant event in the lives of our students and their families and are committed to ensuring there are future opportunities to celebrate your hard work and success,” said Joseph Jones, Ph.D., FPU President.

University officials are working to make it possible that those scheduled to graduate in May 2020 may still have their degree posted later in May (as per typical timeline) so long as candidates have fulfilled all degree requirements and applied for graduation.

Other events also cancelled

FPU is following the recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to cancel or postpone all events which include an attendance of 50 people or more planned over the next eight weeks, through May 14.

Instruction moved online

All instruction has been moved online from March 23 to April 13. This is true for classes in the traditional undergraduate, bachelor’s degree completion, graduate and seminary programs. The plan will be reviewed in mid-April.

Campus hours

Offices at all campuses—the main campus in Southeast Fresno, which includes Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary, as well as regional campuses in Merced, North Fresno, Visalia and Bakersfield—are being staffed, but are not open to the public. Anyone with business at the campuses is asked to make contact via telephone, email or online.

Residence halls and dining on main campus open

Residence halls and dining on the main campus are open for students who chose to stay. The library, computer labs and gymnasium are also available to students. The Fitness Center has been closed.

Protecting health

FPU has moved to social distancing and reduced the number of employees on campus to only those deemed essential. Remote work plans are being made available to other employees. Care is also being taken for those with childcare needs or who are 65 or older and in other high-risk categories. (Here is a resource from the California Department of Public Health on self-isolation for older adults and those who have elevated

risk: [cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Self_Isolation_Guidance_03.16.20.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Self_Isolation_Guidance_03.16.20.pdf))