

Dear Professional and Student Volunteers of the UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Programs,

There have been major developments occurring every day for the last week concerning the Corona Virus (Covid-19) outbreak. UCSD and the UCSD School of Medicine have been continually developing new guidelines. All of our free clinics will be closing for the time being. However, we will be seeing a few patients on March 16-18, 2020 and reassessing on a weekly basis. Future clinics will be determined as more information is given to us. Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi will be in charge of those 3 days at all clinics. She will be working in conjunction with the medical clinic. The Lemon Grove School District has closed all of their schools until April 16, 2020, so there will be no Lemon Grove clinics or screenings at any of the schools in the Lemon Grove District.

We are also canceling all of our meetings on campus. We are allowed to have small meetings, but at this time, we are deciding what alternatives are available. All special speakers and special events have been canceled. This includes our Executive Team meeting on April 5, 2020. All international missions including Thousand Smiles and NorCal Project, are canceled. The UCSD Free-Clinics Fundraising Gala on April 21, 2020 has also been canceled.

The following meetings and events are on hold: Our UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Banquet and Awards ceremony on Saturday, May 30, 2020 and our Make-up OSHA day on Saturday, June 6, 2020.

If you already got into dental school or a post-bac, please contact Joyce Jiang (email: joyce.jiang@ucsdpds.org) to request a scholarship application because it is due in a few weeks. Awards and scholarships will still be given this year, so we need this application returned to Dr. Donna Silverstein before the deadline of March 31, 2020. It is not just the San Diego County Dental Health Foundation Scholarship, but it includes several other scholarships and awards too.

Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi, Dr. Donna Silverstein and I are trying to navigate through all the new rules and regulations coming out on a daily basis. We will inform you as soon as we get the answers to the many questions that are arising. We wish you all to be safe and healthy.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi at miss.sussiq@gmail.com or Dr. Donna Silverstein at dsilverstein@ucsd.edu.

Sincerely,
Dr. Irvin Silverstein