

Dear Professional and Student Volunteers:

There have been many changes that have occurred within the last 24 hours. We will be canceling all of our clinic sessions for the next 3 weeks. We are even going to cancel any in-person training sessions for that period of time.

Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi will need a team of managers to help cancel and reschedule all our patients with appointments for at least the next 3 weeks. We will re-evaluate in two weeks if this needs to be move out further. We will not be seeing any new patients, even with emergencies. The people who will be helping with this re-appointment need to be the clinic managers under Dr. Sussi's supervision, and it will not be done in person. It will be done on-line and by phone. If any of our clinical patients express that they have an emergency, please let Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi know so that we can try to make arrangements for them to be seen.

We had been talking about having small training sessions without patients in our clinics. This is what Medical and Pharmacy are doing, but this will be put on hold for the time being. Also, I talked with executives at CDA and the decision of whether to cancel CDA Anaheim will be made in the middle of April.

For people who got into dental school and post-bacs, please contact Joyce Jiang (joyce.jiang@ucsdpsds.org) to get an application for scholarships and awards. They need to be sent back to Dr. Donna Silverstein, by March 31st as she needs to write a cover letter for each application. Our awards banquet on May 30th has been put on hold and may need to be moved. Also, most dental schools have not decided what they are going to do for their programs. When I hear more, I will let you know.

Some people have contacted me that they will be leaving for their home for a while during this period of uncertainty. That is perfectly fine. Please stay safe, avoid large crowds and keep listening to the recommendations given out by the CDC and knowledgeable entities. There are many false rumors and things being posted on the internet. We will be sending you more updates as we hear them and how they affect our programs. One thing of note is that the USNS Comfort and USNS Mercy Hospital Ships are going to be enlisted in helping in the United States with this pandemic.

Please remember you can contact Dr. Donna Silverstein (dsilverstein@ucsd.edu) and Dr. Sussi Yamaguchi (miss.sussiq@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Dr. Irvin Silverstein