

## ATTENTION STUDENTS WITH FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES

As many of you may have seen, the Governor has recently issued the guidelines for a new stay-at-home order. Below is an excerpt from Merced County Public Health that should help clarify these recent developments. Please see the highlighted area. As of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, none of the regions have met the criteria to enact the stay-at-home policy. If you are currently enrolled in a face-to-face class, please continue to attend unless otherwise advised by your professor. We will continue to communicate any new developments with you as they occur.

### GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES REGIONAL STAY-AT-HOME ORDER

MERCED—Today, Governor Gavin Newsom announced a “Stay-At-Home” Order for certain regions of the State that have low intensive care unit capacity.

If one of the five regions (Bay Area, Greater Sacramento, San Joaquin Valley, Northern California and Southern California) falls below 15 percent ICU capacity, it will trigger a three-week Stay-At-Home Order, which goes into effect in 48 hours. **As of the issuance of this news release, none of the regions have triggered the Stay-At-Home Order due to low ICU capacity. However, due to rising COVID-19 numbers, it is likely that regions will trigger the Order in the coming days.**

In order to help stay safe, please be sure to follow all guidelines and best practices:

- ✓ Wear a cloth face covering inside of, or in line to enter any indoor public space, or when unable to maintain six feet of social distance outside
- ✓ Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces
- ✓ Practice social distancing
- ✓ Wash hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds
- ✓ Use hand sanitizer with 60 percent alcohol base when handwashing is not possible
- ✓ Stay home and isolate, if you're are feeling sick

If you are interested, you can read more about the State's regional Stay-At-Home Order here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/>.