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Dear UCI Student Organizations,

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency Tuesday in response to the swine flu outbreak as two fatalities in Los Angeles were being investigated for possible links to the virus. At this time, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that U.S. travelers avoid all nonessential travel to Mexico.

UCI student organizations have a tradition of community service in Mexico and some may have planned trips to the area. However until the CDC changes its travel advisory for the region, we will not be able to approve trips to this region that are under UCI sponsorship.

Although postponing community service can be difficult, we are following the lead of the state of California and the CDC in taking these precautionary measures until the full scope of what is happening locally and internationally is understood.

These precautions are being taken in part because information about this new viral infection is changing daily and in some cases, hourly. Although there are currently there are no reported cases of swine flu in Orange County, please keep yourself informed by visiting www.uci.edu/swineflu/

As always, I am available to discuss any concerns or questions you may have.

Sincerely,
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