

Dear OLLI Members and Friends,

Due to the rapid escalation of COVID-19, I am writing to share our plan for the remainder of the spring semester. As much as we value these opportunities to gather together as a community, nothing matters more than taking action to help keep one another safe.

Decisions to alter our OLLI spring schedule were made in collaboration with California State University, Monterey Bay.

Effective immediately, OLLI is implementing the following program changes:

Courses currently in progress are canceled.

We will work with the instructors to swiftly find alternate ways of getting course content to class participants.

New Courses (Starting March 13 – April 30) are canceled.

We thank the instructors for their thoughtful preparation and will work closely with them to reschedule these offerings for the fall.

Courses include (in chronological order): "Virginia Woolf's *The Waves*," "Our Animals, Ourselves: Film Series," "Carmel Valley's Tribal History," "The Saree: A Hands-on Introduction," "American Scene Painting," "Chopin," "California Condor Conservation," "Flash: The Short Short Story," "Toni Morrison's *Jazz*," "Marine Mammals," "Insights into the Classical Mind," "The Story of the Blues, Part 1" "Sketchbook Journaling," "A Cinema of Addiction," "James Turrell: The Art of Light and Space," "Before Stonehenge," "Living with Dementia," "American Avant-Garde: Experiments in Visual Color," "Demystifying Color Through Watercolors," and "Scriptures Lost and Found."

New Courses (Starting May 1 – May 31), please stay tuned.

A decision for courses starting in May will be made once the situation becomes clearer.

Refunds

We know you will have questions about how refunds will be handled. Just know that we are committed to taking care of everyone in the OLLI community. Keep in mind that due to sheer volume, the timing of refunds will be affected. We appreciate your patience as we navigate these uncharted waters together.

Classes may be paused, but learning never stops. While there's no substitute for learning together, we look forward to finding new ways to stay connected during these uncertain times.

Warmest regards,
Michele

P.S.: More information, including links to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Monterey County Health Department, is available on the [CSUMB website](#)