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## THE UNAM INFORMS

Since mid-January, UNAM began responding to and informing about the then imminent emergency that would be caused by the arrival of the new virus in Mexico, based on experience and knowledge.

At that time, a special commission was formed, made up of a group of some of the most outstanding scientists and medical doctors of our institution, who have kept a continuous dialogue and collaboration with the country's health authorities.

Knowing that reliable information is crucial in any pandemic scenario, the National University has created and started to disseminate various materials, such as videos, documents, posters, etc., that contribute to a better management of the social impact that this worldwide emergency, caused by COVID-19, represents.

The rector, together with the deans of all the university's academic schools, faculties, institutes and centers, has adopted the necessary measures to obtain and offer basic prevention and hygiene supplies to reduce, as much as possible, the conditions of transmission of the new disease.

It is for this reason that, in order to continue protecting our community and to lessen the impact of this situation on the substantive tasks of our university—i.e., teaching, research and the dissemination of culture—it has been decided that starting tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17, UNAM will start the gradual and orderly suspension of classes across its campuses, with the aim of suspending classes completely as of next weekend.

The authorities of each school and faculty, as well as the heads of the other academic institutes and centers, will be responsible for determining the specific times and procedures that best respond to the needs of each community.

In all cases, care will be taken to ensure that the interruption of face-to-face academic activities does not prevent students from completing the studies stipulated by the academic calendar. To do so, the conditions for teaching and taking classes from home will be promoted.

Additionally, in order to keep every university student informed about the development of the public health emergency, the University has opened a permanent information channel, which can be accessed from the institution's official website: [www.unam.mx](http://www.unam.mx)

The entire student and academic community is recommended to await the statements issued by their respective schools, institutes or centers about the measures and provisions that will be adopted throughout the duration of the public health emergency.