

Dear Coyotes and Colleagues,

As has become increasingly clear over the past week, the amount of snow deposited in the San Bernardino Mountains as a result of our recent winter storms has overwhelmed local and state efforts to clear the roads quickly and to reach those in need. In some cases, the weight of the snow has caused the collapse of roofs and other structural issues.

For our students, faculty and staff who live in the mountains, please know that we have not forgotten you. The Office of Community Engagement has been monitoring volunteer opportunities to assist with the relief efforts, and will continue to share this information with the campus community. In addition, the County of San Bernardino is listing two ways those of us who are not impacted can help through donations of canned goods, non-perishable foods, sanitary supplies (toilet paper, diapers, wipes, paper towels), dry goods, baby formula and/or water:

- During the business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., donors may call the hotline at (909) 387-3911 and press option 2 to speak with a live representative who will coordinate your donation. After 5 p.m., donors may go to the website for [San Bernardino County Storm Response Emergency Donations \[sanbernardinohr.qualtrics.com\]](https://sanbernardinohr.qualtrics.com) to find information regarding donations. A County team member will reach out to donors to coordinate the next steps if specific services or items are needed.
- The Red Cross will accept cash donations. Visit [redcross.org \[redcross.org\]](https://redcross.org), call 1-800-RED-CROSS or text the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation. Please indicate San Bernardino County Storm Disaster Relief.

For those students worried about missing classes: Our faculty and staff are committed to supporting you in any way possible. Please reach out to your professors so they know your circumstances and may provide you with the support you need to remain on course. Ask your professor if attending classes via Zoom is an option during this time.

For employees worried about connectivity issues as a result of the snow, as well as the continued inability to get to campus: Situations such as Natural Disasters or a State of Emergency that impact employees unrelated to a campus closure require an employee not able to work to utilize their leave accrual. To support employees during these difficult times, CSU expanded the CSU Catastrophic Leave Donation Program to cover Natural Disasters and State of Emergency circumstances.

Employees may be eligible to apply for assistance through the CSU Catastrophic Leave Donation Program - Natural Disaster/State of Emergency Program. **Please see the attached document** for additional information, and don't hesitate to contact the HR Benefits Department at 909-537-5143 to schedule an appointment for assistance.

In the meantime, we hope that all of you are safe, warm and have sufficient food on hand. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Tomás D. Morales
President

Attachment: [CSU Catastrophic Leave Donation Program – Natural Disaster/State of Emergency Program](#)