Dear new Torero and family,

We hope this email finds you well. We are aware that many of you are eagerly awaiting the official announcement of USD’s orientation plans. In particular, we know that there are many questions around move-in dates and when to arrive in San Diego. The Offices of Student Onboarding and Parent and Family Relations, among others, have been hard at work developing plans that most safely allow for move-in and orientation events.

This year’s orientation is designed to provide a unique experience throughout the summer for us to inform, educate, and connect with you. You can be sure that our teams are focused on creating a personal and enjoyable onboarding experience for both students and families.

For health and safety reasons, a majority of orientation will be shifted to a remote format. Beginning on July 15th, students will join weekly remote themed ‘pathways’ that will contain important content for the onboarding experience. Parents will have several remote sessions in August leading up to move-in and into the beginning of the semester. More information on this virtual experience with instructions on how to sign up for the remote platform will be sent out within a few days. As always, orientation for students is required!

It is our full intention to provide a hybrid model with both an on-campus and remote learning experience this fall. Please keep in mind that we could receive guidance from the County of San Diego, or other developments could arise that require changes. The Torero Blueprint website indicates that August 14 and 15 are our target dates for move-in, pending final approval from the County. These dates are accurate, and we are moving forward in our planning. New first-year students will be assigned their move-in date on either Friday, August 14 or Saturday, August 15. This information will be sent out via email along with their room assignment in mid-July. New transfer students will move in on Friday, August 14, and will receive their room assignment in late July. We will follow the 6 Point Plan articulated by Dr. Harris and continue to consult with our partners at the County. Please understand that at any point, the County may change orders or guidance which may impact plans.

We know many of you are eager to make travel plans. It is up to the student to decide how to attend class (remote or in-person) and to determine the right travel arrangements for yourself and your family. If you are in quarantine, or if your travel is delayed, you may begin the semester attending class remotely, then transition to hybrid participation. If you have already purchased travel arrangements based on the dates laid out in the Torero Blueprint, please know we continue to use August 14 and 15 as our target move-in dates.

Please direct questions to orientation@sandiego.edu or parents@sandiego.edu. We wish you good health and look forward to the beginning of the fall semester.

Respectfully,