

## Krauskopf, Sara

---

**From:** Jarvin, Linda  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020 11:11 AM  
**To:** 0-PCA Faculty (Current); 0-PCA Staff (All); 0-PCA Students (Current)  
**Subject:** COVID-19 March 11th update

Dear Members of the PCA Community,

The majority of us at PCA live outside the country in which we were born, and have friends and family across the world. This global perspective is a source of growth, but it can also be a challenge in a time of international turmoil. The news we hear about the current COVID-19 crisis varies from country to country and we may feel lost in the face of conflicting information and health directives. The notion of what "level" France is in is one example. It's important to distinguish travel warning levels, such as those issued by the CDC, and health system deployment levels, such as those issued by the French government.

The CDC travel warnings distinguish 3 levels, with the highest level 3 being to avoid non-essential travel (currently for example China and Italy for coronavirus) to level 1 being a reminder to practice usual precautions (currently for example Hong Kong for coronavirus).

The French health system deployment distinguishes 4 levels and France is currently in Level 2. This means that we are encouraged to take all precautionary measures (good hygiene, avoiding large crowds) and that in case of symptoms a person should call the emergency number (15) rather than go to a doctor or the emergency service, in order to limit the spread of the virus. If France moves to level 3, which is likely, this means that a larger portion of the health care sector will be deployed, and that pharmaceutical labs and general practitioners will be asked to assist with testing and triage to avoid overcrowding of hospitals with non-urgent cases. It will most likely also mean further restrictions on public gatherings, but not necessarily a request that all public spaces such as schools and universities close.

Currently there is a limitation on public gatherings that has moved from a maximum of 5,000 to 1,000 attendees, but no public health directive to close schools and colleges across the country. PCA is a small community and we are well below the current threshold for public gatherings.

If there is a request that PCA close, we would move to on-line teaching. The logistics for this to happen are already in place. Classes would be offered during regularly scheduled hours and students can follow them from their home in Paris until face-to-face instruction can resume.

We encourage you to ask any questions you may have about the situation, and will be available for an informal discussion and Q&A session in the PCA gallery Thursday and Friday between 1 and 2 pm.

Sincerely,



**Linda Jarvin, PhD**

President

[linda.jarvin@paris.edu](mailto:linda.jarvin@paris.edu)

Paris College of Art

15 rue Fénelon | 75010 PARIS | France

[www.paris.edu](http://www.paris.edu)

Tel: +33 1 45 77 07 07

Founded in 1981, Paris College of Art (PCA) is a private university in Paris, France. The university is a US degree granting institution of higher learning and is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). PCA's mission is to provide the highest standard of art and design education, taught within an American pedagogical paradigm, while being influenced and informed by our French and European environment. Our international faculty is comprised of 100 leaders in the art, design, and business industries in Europe and courses are taught in English. PCA offers an interdisciplinary education for students coming from 50 different countries, and awards Bachelor's (BA and BFA), and Master's (MA and MFA) degrees as well as study abroad, certificate, and summer programs. Additional information is available at [www.paris.edu](http://www.paris.edu).



[DISCLAIMER](#)