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An Open Letter to the USC and UCLA Communities:

The historic rivalry between USC and UCLA is one of the greatest traditions in college football, with enthusiasm building long before the game. This year's game is on Saturday at the Rose Bowl, and although we are not able to cheer for our teams in the stands, USC and UCLA stand together in our desire that this weekend's game will be a safe and respectful experience for all of our students and fans.

In this unprecedented year, our campuses are working hard to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by enacting a number of important campus protocols which follow the California State guidance and Orders of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH). Note that our efforts to make our communities safer are only effective with your partnership. Following state and LACDPH guidelines, there will be no spectators allowed at the game. It is important to note that all in-person gatherings with people outside your household are prohibited. Additional details on these guidelines can be found in the [California Department of Public Health- Regional Stay at Home Order \(PDF\)](#) and the [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Targeted Order \(PDF\)](#). Please also remember to wash your hands regularly and wear face coverings any time you are outside of your home, while also maintaining six feet from others not in your immediate household.

Fans from all over Los Angeles and beyond will be watching remotely this Saturday. We are confident Bruins and Trojans alike will display the very best of the USC and UCLA spirit, which includes adhering to these public health guidelines that can reduce the spread of COVID-19. We also expect everyone to show sportsmanship and respect for others, for their universities, but most importantly for themselves.

This Saturday's game will be an important occasion to show fans everywhere what it means to be part of world-renowned research and athletic universities such as USC and UCLA. Regardless of the outcome on the field, we all win when, as supporters, we display the best of our school spirit.

Fight On, Trojans! Go Bruins!

Sincerely,

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