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*Center for Alcohol & Drug  
Studies & Services*

**Driving Under the  
Influence Program**

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Dear Participants:

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has had a global, national, and statewide impact. Locally, many schools and businesses have closed to mitigate the spread of this deadly virus and adhere to social distancing mandates. The SDSU DUI Program, in an abundance of caution, made the decision to temporarily close in order to protect our participants and staff. The latest direction from the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is allowing for the provision of temporary Remote Client Services, also referred to as “telehealth.”

To avoid a delay in completing your DUI Program, the SDSU Central District DUI Program will begin offering remote services on May 1, 2020. These services will enable you to continue your DUI program activities with a licensed or certified counselor via the virtual meeting platform, Zoom for healthcare, temporarily during the COVID-19 crisis.

Participation in telehealth is not mandatory. If you chose to forego telehealth services, you will remain on a no-charge Leave of Absence (LOA) until in-person services resume.

To participate in Telehealth, you must:

- sign and return the enclosed SDSU DUI Program Telehealth Informed Consent form;
- provide the SDSU DUI Program with your individual (i.e. private) e-mail address for electronic communication and session registration;
- register in advance for each session via an e-mail link that will be provided to you prior to the scheduled session.

Certain technology is required to participate in this program. You must have access to a computer, tablet, or phone with a working microphone, speakers, and a camera (for video conferencing). You will also need to be able to download and install the free Zoom platform onto a computer, tablet, or phone.

If you would like opt-in to engage in Telehealth services please complete the enclosed SDSU DUI Program Telehealth Informed Consent and return via mail at the address listed above, facsimile (858-467-6822), or e-mail ([info@sdsduip.com](mailto:info@sdsduip.com))

If you have any questions, please contact us at (858) 467-6810.

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## INFORMED CONSENT FOR TELEHEALTH

The San Diego State University Central District DUI Program will provide telehealth services utilizing Zoom for Healthcare virtual meeting platform to assess, treat, and educate program participants through interactive audio, video, or telephone communication.

By signing this form, I understand the following:

- The SDSU DUI Program is providing telehealth services on a temporary basis due to the Corona virus (COVID-19) pandemic, and once the public health risk is eliminated, direct in-person services will resume at 9245 Sky Park Court, Suite 101, San Diego, CA 92123, and telehealth program service delivery will cease;
- The laws protecting privacy and confidentiality of substance use treatment service information also apply to telehealth, and no information obtained as a result of my use of telehealth which identifies me will be disclosed to other entities without my consent (unless by legal mandate);
- Under the law, exceptions to confidentiality include mandatory reporting of child, elder, and dependent adult abuse and any threats of violence toward a reasonably identifiable person.
- If I am in such a mental or emotional condition to be a danger to myself or others, my DUI Program counselor may violate confidentiality to prevent the threatened danger;
- Telehealth services differ from in-person services as the mode of service delivery is via information and communication technologies, specifically including the telephone and/ or internet;
- If my counselor believes that I would be better served by in-person services, I will remain on a no-charge Leave of Absence during the COVID-19 temporary program closure and will not be able to utilize the telehealth services offered by the San Diego State University Central District DUI Program;
- There are risks unique and specific to telehealth, including but not limited to the possibility that sessions could be disrupted or distorted due to interrupted or unauthorized access;
- I have the right to withhold or withdraw my consent to my use of telehealth for DUI treatment services at any time without affecting my right to future care or treatment.

To receive credit for session participation, I also understand that I must:

- Attend the session in a private setting.
- Protect the confidentiality of other program participants (i.e., any other individuals in my group and education sessions).
- Remain present for the entire session; and
- Adhere to the Program Sobriety requirement.

I understand that DUI Program fees for services will apply during this time, and that the SDSU DUI Program will provide me with alternate payment options and methods during the telehealth service delivery time frame.

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #:

- By checking this box, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to adhere to Zoom's privacy policy (<https://zoom.us/privacy>)