

Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Travel Update as of 1/21/2018:

The 101 Freeway is now open in both directions. Visit the Caltrans [website](#) or [Twitter](#) for more details.

UCSB Ocean Waters Closed due to Health Hazards:

Our Santa Barbara County Public Health Officer has ordered no public use of the ocean from Gaviota in the north to Carpinteria State Beach in the south, which includes all of the beaches surrounding UCSB. People should not enter the water as levels of bacteria highly exceed recommended levels, along with other hazardous materials from the recent mudslides and flooding. All ocean water in these locations should be considered contaminated and no recreational activities or swimming should take place. This order does not include the sandy beaches themselves.

Further information can be found at <http://www.countyofsb.org/january-storm-info.sbc>, including future determinations of when the ocean is again safe for use.

Student Health is open regular hours and can see any students concerned about health effects of ocean exposure.

Travel Update as of 1/16/2018:

Due to freeway, highway, and road closures between Carpinteria and Santa Barbara, an alternate route must be used to drive from all areas south of Santa Barbara to the UC Santa Barbara campus. However, UCSB is accessible via I-5. This is an indirect route and takes at least 4.5 hours from Los Angeles. Roadways may be congested; please drive with caution, allow ample time for travel, and bring water and snacks. It is impossible to travel between Carpinteria and Santa Barbara using US-101 or local roadways. Roads are closed and law enforcement needs to dedicate efforts to ongoing recovery efforts in Montecito. Refer to [Caltrans](#) for current highway conditions.

The Santa Barbara Airbus is running from LAX to SB via I-5: <https://www.sbairbus.com/airbus-status>.

Amtrak is operational but trains are filling up quickly; make a reservation in advance and check the [Amtrak website](#) for schedules and their [Twitter for updates](#).

Additionally, the [Condor Express](#) and [Island Packers](#) are offering ferries between Ventura and Santa Barbara harbors.