

Messages to our LGBTQ+ Community

As you may have heard, there was an attack on an LGBTQ+ night club on Saturday night. The attack on Club Q, the loss of 5 lives and over 20 injuries, is tragic. Waking to news of a mass shooting at another LGBTQ+ establishment is terrible enough, having it also occur on the eve of Transgender Day of Remembrance after a week of Trans visibility and affirmation (Trans awareness week) is just painful. Our hearts and thoughts are with the victims and their families.

With anti-LGBTQ+ hate and rhetoric increasing nationally the [UC Davis Health PRIDE](#) and [Vice Chancellor's LGBTQ+ Advisory Council](#) are working daily for our staff, faculty, and students to create and foster a safe space of diversity and inclusion internally, locally, and regionally.

We stand in solidarity with our LGBTQ+ community along with other communities recently facing hate, racism, and violence. As Chancellor May discussed on Friday's message, Reject Violence. Reject Hate. UC Davis and UC Davis Health condemn all acts of violence and hate.

We want to take a moment to remind you that UC Davis and UC Davis Health offer the [Academic and Staff Assistance Program \(ASAP\)](#) to Staff, Faculty, and their immediate families. Recognizing that events such as this create a lot of pain and trauma, we encourage you to seek supportive resources in your local community, some options include the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline <https://988lifeline.org/> and the [The Sacramento LGBT Community Center](#). Please know that you are not alone, you have resources, and we are here for you. Reach out to the PRIDE ERG, or Vice Chancellors LGBTQ+ Advisory Council for assistance and support.

Yours in health,
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Honoring Club Q and our Queer and Trans Siblings

Dear LGBTQIA UC Davis Community,

We woke up on Sunday morning to news that 5 individuals passed and 25 more were injured in a mass shooting at Club Q in Colorado Springs, Colorado. As queer and trans people deserve to be in safe spaces to thrive and be themselves.

While we mourn over the loss in our community, especially as we are mourning our trans siblings on this Transgender Day of Remembrance who have been taken from us due to anti-trans violence, we are reminded of why our center's presence at UC Davis matters. Club Q was a safe space for LGBTQIA+ Coloradans and we strive to make that impact on our campus. We understand that when our community is harmed, we all experience the ripple effects. The UC Davis LGBTQIA Resource Center provides a space for historically marginalized Aggies to take respite, build supportive relationships, connect with resources, and just be themselves. Everyone deserves to feel safe and secure!

The LGBTQIA Resource Center values critical love and community building for our queer and trans community. We will be holding a healing space from 12-5pm PT on November 21, 22, 23 for LGBTQIA students, faculty, and staff for folks who want to be in community with one another and center love, community care, and compassion.

We will be holding a hybrid vigil on Wednesday November 23rd between 12-2pm PT in the LGBTQIA Resource Center. To honor our community Queer and Trans Sibling in Colorado Springs to be in community and fight for one another.

This news may bring up negative emotions. We want you to experience these emotions, sadness, anger and know that it is okay to feel what you are feeling. If you or someone you know needs help processing those feelings with a mental health professional, we encourage you to reach out to counseling services or to our CAN Counselor Maia Huang. You can also reach out to our center staff for support. The LGBTQIA Resource Center is a confidential resource if students need support and want to have a processing space. Please look out for more information from our team this week. For urgent needs, please use the following resources:

Crisis Text Line: Text RELATE to 741741

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: Call or Text 988

Trans Lifeline: 877-565-8860

UCD Student Health and Counseling Services Crisis Consultation Services: Call 530-752-0871 for a Crisis Consultation

LGBTQIA and WRRC CAN Counselor Maia Haung: Contact Maia at mlhhuang@ucdavis.edu

In Love and Queer and Trans Joy,
The UC Davis LGBTQIA Resource Center Staff