



Dear CSUSM Students,

As you likely know, last Thursday Chancellor Timothy White shared the news that instruction will continue to be primarily virtual across all 23 CSU campuses through spring 2021. I know that you may be disappointed that circumstances have made this decision necessary and that, like me, you had hoped to be able to return to campus for the spring semester.

However, against the backdrop of the ongoing pandemic and in consideration of a multitude of academic, health and safety factors this decision was made in the best interests of our students, faculty and staff. As Chancellor White wrote in his [message](#), "This decision is the only responsible one available to us at this time. And it is the only one that supports our twin North Stars of safeguarding the health, safety and well-being of our faculty, staff, students and communities, as well as enabling degree progression for the largest number of students."

I want to thank Chancellor White and his leadership team for making this decision now so that we may begin to plan accordingly to ensure that you have the best college experience possible. More importantly, I want to thank you for your resilience and courage. I am proud of your commitment to your education and your determination to stay on this path and keep going. As we move forward together, we will be developing a Spring 2021 plan based on public-health realities and projections in our region, and in consultation with campus shared governance bodies. At this moment, we expect that Spring 2021 will be similar to Fall 2020 with a limited number of specialized, in-person or hybrid classes and with a limited number of students in campus housing. More information will be made available as soon as possible.

In the meantime, be assured that as we continue to navigate the fall semester our dedicated faculty and staff are here with a variety of services to help you be successful. For easy access, please bookmark the [CSUSM as One](#) website as a source for ongoing information and resources. Whether you want to schedule a [health care appointment](#), find a [fitness & wellness event](#) or talk with a [career counselor](#) – our staff and faculty are eager to support you in the virtual environment. In addition, a new [on-campus computer lab](#) – located in the University Student Union ballroom – is open daily during the week on a first-come, first-served basis for students who may need access to technology, including free printing. For everyone's safety, computer stations are sanitized between use and are situated 6 feet apart from each other.

Since March, all of us have been tested in extraordinary ways. Students, please know that our faculty and staff will continue to work tirelessly for you – your success is our driving motivation as we work together to support you as you pursue your degree and a bright future ahead.

Please continue to stay safe and take care of each other. We will get through this time together.

Sincerely,

Ellen Neufeldt
President

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