



ASI Cougar Pantry – Mobile Distributions  
Safety Guidelines during COVID-19 Pandemic

In light of the impact of COVID-19 pandemic, there have been many changes made on our campus and in our communities. Effective, Friday March 20, California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) classes moved to virtual instruction and the campus closed buildings including the ASI Cougar Pantry space in the University Student Union.

In light of these changes, the ASI Cougar Pantry, in consultation with CSUSM Risk Management, CSUSM Housing, the San Diego Food Bank, Feeding San Diego, and current guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the San Diego County Public Health Department, made the decision to move operations to a mobile distribution in Parking Lot O. The mobile distributions are taking place on Wednesdays from 10am to 1pm.

In consultation with the aforementioned organizations, the following safety measures were established to ensure the safety and well-being of our CSUSM community:

- The ASI Cougar Pantry is functioning with a skeleton crew of no more than four staff/volunteers to minimize interactions and eliminate possibilities of group spread.
- The ASI Cougar Pantry staff is encouraged to check their temperatures prior to each shift. No member of the staff will be permitted to work if they feel ill or have a family member who has been tested or tested positive for COVID-19.
- Mobile distributions are operating with physical distancing in mind; a mobile drive-through option. Pre-bagged food put directly in the trunk of the student recipient.
- ASI employees and volunteers are wearing gloves and masks at all times in adherence with the CDC and San Diego County Public Health guidelines.
- For students that do not have a vehicle, spacing will be created between shoppers with tables set at least 6 feet apart and markers on ground at check in the indicate proper distancing. If a minor is present with the student, only minors permitted to enter the line with a parent or guardian.
- Only CSUSM students are to receive food bags.
- After each mobile distribution, clean up includes wiping down the tables, doorknobs, or any other possible “high touch” surfaces with disinfectant wipes.

We understand these measures made by CSUSM caused significant disruption and inconvenience, but it was imperative to ensure the health and safety of our campus community. We will continue to serve basic needs resources for the students of CSUSM to the best of our abilities. Like CSUSM, we are firmly committed to the continuing support of CSUSM students in the efforts to continue their educational journey and success.

Resources:

San Diego Food Bank: [www.sandiegofoodbank.org](http://www.sandiegofoodbank.org)

Feeding San Diego: <https://feedingsandiego.org/>

Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

San Diego County Human and Health Department: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/hhsa/programs/phs/>