

## **Guidance for Field Trips and Other Experiential Learning During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

It is understood that student visits to off-campus locations to enhance learning objectives and to experience course material in different modalities may be desirable, even for classes that are primarily or partially being conducted in a virtual environment. The current prevalence of COVID-19 exposures presents challenges with this learning model, however, the importance of such learning opportunities for students is recognized and the campus has developed the following guidelines for these activity types. For ease of communication, in this document, these activity types are referred to collectively as “student field trips.”

1. Field trip assignments should be optional and alternatives should be offered for those who are not comfortable visiting a location in person. Virtual opportunities should be encouraged when they can equally meet the course objectives. Students engaged in 100% remote learning may not reside in the area, so local field trips may not be appropriate for everyone.
2. Individual field trips are encouraged. Individuals who choose to travel together must comply with all current campus health and safety guidance, including self-screening for symptoms of COVID-19 and mask/face covering protocols while in transit and at the field trip location.
3. Field trip options offered should consider COVID-19 risk reduction measures. When planning a field trip, here are some points to consider:
4. Outdoor activities are safer than indoor activities
5. Indoor activities should be planned for non-peak times at the location
6. Students should be reminded to observe campus health and safety guidance as found on the CSUSM as One website and public health guidance at all times, including but not limited to self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms prior to attendance, the use of masks/face coverings, washing hands frequently and carrying hand sanitizer with them.
7. All students should sign the current version of the Standard Campus Waiver, which contains a statement about the risk of exposure to COVID-19. Students may return the form in one of two ways: 1) print, complete, sign, and scan; return to the faculty member or AC via email or 2) complete the fillable PDF and sign electronically; return to the faculty member of AC via **CAMPUS** email.