



Dear CSUSM Employees,

The Winter Break went quickly, and we hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and staying safe as we prepare to begin spring semester. Today, we write to you with an update on the start of face-to-face classes this spring.

As you may recall, on December 3, we shared via email that because of public health officials' predictions for a surge in COVID-19 positive cases due to the holidays, we would delay the start of in-person courses meeting on campus until February 1, and assess as the time came closer if there was a need to further push that date out.

Today we know that a high number of cases of COVID-19 are still impacting our region. In San Diego County, the virus is rated as widespread and our region continues to be under stay-at-home orders. Thus, we have made the difficult but urgent decision, with the health and safety of our campus community and broader region in mind, to continue to keep all classes remote until Monday, Feb. 15. **Classes will still meet, but only in virtual formats from Jan. 25 (first day of spring semester classes) through Feb. 14.**

We know that vaccines are beginning to roll out and this provides much hope for the future. This week, we expect to be able to provide updates on what is known about vaccine distribution and eligibility of CSUSM employees. Please continue to check [San Diego County's COVID-19 Vaccine website](#) for the latest updates (Riverside County residents please see [Riverside County's Public Health website](#) and for Orange County residents please see [Orange County's Public Health's website](#)).

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility in this time, when so much information continues to be in flux. We appreciate all that you are doing and look forward to seeing you virtually at one of the upcoming events this week.

Sincerely,

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