Dear student,

Today is the deadline for all eligible students to submit their COVID-19 booster vaccine record as required by all 23 CSU campuses. Failure to update your record will impact your ability to study at Cal State San Marcos. Below, you will find information on booster eligibility and timelines based on your circumstances.

If you have already submitted your proof of a booster shot, thank you!

All students, including those enrolled in online classes, are required to receive the booster and provide documentation or request a medical or religious exception. Those with an approved exemption must test weekly at the CSUSM testing site located at the Clarke Field House or CSUSM at Temecula.

If you were approved for a medical or religious exemption in the fall semester, no new action is required. However, you must continue to test weekly during the spring semester, starting the week of Jan. 24-30.

The university is launching a new program this spring that will indicate a person’s compliance status, which will be used to grant access to in-person classes and services on campus. To remain in “cleared” status, individuals must have their completed vaccine record on file or be up to date with weekly testing. More information about the program will be shared in the coming weeks.

Who is eligible for the booster?

- If you received your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine on or before Aug. 18, 2021, you are eligible for the booster. If you received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine on or before Nov. 18, 2021, you are eligible for the booster. More information about booster eligibility is available on the CDC website.
- If you meet the above eligibility, but recently contracted COVID and are no longer symptomatic or it has been 14 days since your first positive test (or 14 days since the onset of symptoms), you are eligible for the vaccine booster.

What if I am not yet eligible for the booster?

- If it has been less than five months since your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or less than two months since you received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, it will be automatically reflected in your record. You will be required to submit proof of receiving the booster within 30 days of becoming eligible. You can learn more about submitting documentation on the Student Vaccination & Certification webpage.
- You can apply for a medical or religious exemption through the Student Vaccination & Certification webpage. Please be prepared to submit supporting documentation for a medical exemption request. If you are approved for a medical or religious exemption, you must test weekly at the Clarke Field House or CSUSM at Temecula locations beginning the week of Jan. 24.
- The CougarBot is ready to help. Text #vax to the CougarBot for quick answers and helpful links.