



Dear students,

We hope your spring semester is off to a successful start – thank you for your ongoing resilience during this time. While the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines brings optimism for the future, it is important that we continue to do as much as we can now to help safeguard the health and safety of our campus and extended community.

Mandatory Free COVID-19 Testing for Students on Campus

Beginning Monday, Feb. 15, weekly COVID-19 testing will be mandatory for all students who:

- live in campus housing;
- come to the San Marcos or Temecula campuses for instruction;
- come to either campus for any other purpose (e.g., to participate in research, work, use the computer lab, etc.).

Testing is free and available at several on-campus locations (please see [FAQs](#) for hours of operation and locations).

Please note that this testing program should only be used by students without COVID-19 symptoms. **If you feel ill, have any symptoms of illness, or have recently been exposed to someone with COVID-19 infection, please do not come to campus, and call (do not visit) Student Health and Counseling Services at 760-750-4915.**

Keeping CSUSM safe for all of us is a simple process of weekly testing, symptom self-screening, and location check-ins. *New buttons will appear in the CSUSM Mobile App home screen on Friday, Feb. 12 that will allow you to schedule CSUSM COVID testing appointments and access all of the COVID-related information and services.

1) Weekly Testing – If you are coming to campus, you must be tested once per week. All visits to the testing location require an appointment. You can schedule in advance or when you arrive; either way, you will need to complete the appointment process. The process is fast and easy:

a. Use the [CSUSM Mobile App](#) to schedule your testing appointment. Tap the link that says **COVID TESTING**, enter the unique code sent to your email, select a location and time, complete the questions and you are all set. You will receive an appointment confirmation via your campus email.

b. Visit the testing location as scheduled: You will check in using your campus digital ID (found in the Mobile App) or you can use a government ID. You will complete a quick PCR test that involves swabbing the inside of your nose.

c. Get your results: You will receive your results within 24 hours via email or text, whichever you choose. If the test is negative, the text/email you receive will have that information. If you test positive, you will have to log in to view that information from the link that is provided in the communication.

2) Daily Symptom Self-Screening – On any day that you are coming to campus, you must do the symptom self-screening. In the CSUSM Mobile App tap the [COVID SCREENING](#) button. In just a few taps, you will be able to confirm that you are healthy to come to campus.

3) Entering Campus Locations – Every time you enter an on-campus classroom, lab, or other location, use the CSUSM Mobile App **SCAN QR CODE** button, point your camera to the **QR code** on the wall, tap the confirmation prompt, and record your presence in that space.

Answers to FAQs are available online:

<https://www.csusm.edu/csusmasone/faq/index.html#mandatorytesting>

We appreciate your support in making this testing program successful. By participating in testing and following the 3Ws – wear a mask, wash your hands, watch your distance – you can help keep yourself, your friends, your loved ones, and our campus community safe.

Thank you for doing your part!

Sincerely,

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