Dear Students,

This Presidential Order is effective Feb. 15, 2021, and supersedes the “CSUSM COVID-19 Housing Testing Presidential Order” that became effective Nov. 10, 2020. In coordination with the County of San Diego Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the California State University, San Marcos (CSUSM) mandates COVID-19 testing at its on-campus testing sites, or as otherwise exempted below, for all students living in CSUSM Housing, coming to the San Marcos or Temecula campuses for instruction, or coming to the San Marcos or Temecula campuses to engage in other non-student-employee work-related activities (e.g., participants in research or use the computer labs). The purpose of this Presidential Order is to address real-time trends and prevalence within the CSUSM campus community, mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and inform intervention and response decisions.

In coordination with CDPH, CSUSM mandates COVID-19 testing for students living in the San Marcos or Temecula campuses for instruction, or coming to the San Marcos or Temecula campuses to engage in other non-student-employee work-related activities (e.g., participants in research or use the computer labs) during their weekly on-campus testing. Testing is free to students and must be conducted at one of the designated testing sites.

This testing program should only be used by students without COVID-19 symptoms. If you feel ill, have any symptoms of illness, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 infection, please do not come to campus, and contact your Student Health and Counseling Services at 760-750-4915.

There are limited exemptions to this testing requirement, which are noted in the section “Request for Exemptions.” Beyond those exemptions, failure to comply may result in suspension but that option is not currently being utilized.

We appreciate that all students are being responsible and considerate of their community. Testing is what will help us to safely open on campus for the fall term.

Welcome to Testing:

1. Weekly Testing – If you live in CSUSM Housing or on 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 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 questionnaire, and you are set.
   b. You will receive an appointment confirmation via your email.
   c. Visit the testing location as scheduled. You will check in using your campus ID (such as the Student ID card) or your mobile phone which must have a bar code.
   d. All students living in CSUSM Housing, coming to the San Marcos or Temecula campuses for instruction, or coming to the San Marcos or Temecula campuses to engage in other non-student-employee work-related activities (e.g., participants in research or use the computer labs) must be tested once during each week (i.e., each Sunday through Saturday period). If testing is not completed during your assigned week, a notification will be sent to your student portal to alert you.

2. Daily Symptom Self-Screening – On any day that you are coming to campus, you must do the symptom self-screening.
   a. Use the CSUSM Mobile App to start the COVID SCREENING module.
   b. In just a few taps, you will be able to confirm that you are healthy to come to campus.
   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 next daily self-screening will receive that information. If your result is positive, you will then be directed to the information that is provided in the communication.

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.

Request for Exemptions:

Various exemptions to the mandated testing may be approved, following the completion of your weekly testing and provision of the appropriate documentation:

1. If you have completed your COVID-19 vaccination series (two-doses for currently available vaccines), please use the exemption form to submit your immunization record showing your name, vaccine product/lot number, date, and location of vaccination (Phone photos of documents are not accepted).
2. If you have received a negative COVID-19 test from an off-campus testing source during the week in which you otherwise would have needed to be tested on campus, use the exemption form to submit documentation showing your name, date of test, and a negative result.
3. If you have received a positive COVID-19 test from an off-campus testing source during the week in which you otherwise would have needed to be tested on campus, use the exemption form to submit documentation showing your name, date of test, and a positive result.
4. If you have other medical reasons that could exempt you from testing, you must contact Student Health and Counseling Services (shcs@csusm.edu or 760-750-4915) to make an appointment to have your exemption approved.

Please check California State University, San Marcos COVID-19 Testing. © 2021 California State University, San Marcos. If you have questions, the phone will be answered 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. There will be a voicemail left after hours. Please check California State University, San Marcos COVID-19 Testing.