Hello student,

As we enter the final stretch of the spring semester, we want to share some updates about masking and class formats for upcoming semesters.

**Lifting of the Mask Mandate Starting with the Summer Session**

Starting at the beginning of summer session on Monday, June 6, masking will no longer be required in instructional spaces. The university is moving forward with plans to make masking optional, but not required, for the fall semester as well.

The decision to lift the mask mandate starting with summer session follows regional and campus data, as case rates continue to trend downward and impacts on our local health care system have lessened. During this more endemic phase, it’s important to remember that if local conditions change and public health officials determine that masking is once again needed, a temporary mask requirement would be reinstated on campus for specific periods of time. Masks must continue to be worn in the Student Health & Counseling Services building, as face coverings are required in all medical settings in California.

CSUSM will continue to provide free KN95 and surgical masks for any member of our campus community who would like one. Mask stations are at the main entrances of most buildings, as well as available for pickup from the Covered Cougar Distribution Center.

While we know this announcement is welcome news for some who have been eager to reach this milestone, we also recognize that it may trigger anxieties for others. In all our interactions, please remember that we are one university community. Thank you for extending kindness and care to one another as we begin this next transition. If you have questions, email our team at CSUSMasOne@csusm.edu.

**Registering for Classes with Confidence**

Next week, course enrollment will open for the fall semester with more than 80% of all CSUSM classes being offered in person. The instruction mode for the class – which refers to the format in which the class will be taught, such as in-person, hybrid or online – will be listed in the class details within myCSUSM, as well as in the Schedule Assistant.

The course schedule, including the instruction mode, is not expected to change, so you can enroll with confidence as you build your schedule and continue to work toward your academic goals. When enrolling in an in-person or hybrid class, you need to plan to attend all in-person class sessions. Accommodations in the instruction mode (for example, requesting an accommodation to take an in-person course remotely) will not be available. Be sure to read the class notes and confirm the instruction mode as you build out your schedule.

The Office of the Registrar has an easy-to-navigate resource page to help you through your enrollment. Virtual drop-in advising appointments are also available if you’d like to chat with an adviser.

There is also still time to enroll in summer session, which begins June 6. Summer session includes a 10-week option and two five-week options. Financial aid is available. Check out the full list of courses being offered this summer.

**Together in Cougar Spirit**

We know how hard it has been to navigate the ever-changing complexities of a pandemic while longing for normalcy in your daily life and college experience. Our Cougar community – which includes you, student – has shown such extraordinary resilience and true grit in the pursuit of their dreams. And yet, together, we’ve never lost sight of the importance of community. On behalf of your faculty and staff, we wish you a strong finish to your spring semester!