



Understanding the Vaccine Policy

Hello Cougars,
The start of fall semester is just around the corner. Coming together safely remains our top priority, which is why the [CSU has moved forward with requiring the COVID vaccine for all individuals who are coming to campus or participating in in-person university activities.](#)

Important Next Steps

If you're fully vaccinated, you will need to upload your vaccination record in myCSUSM.

If you're not yet fully vaccinated or are unvaccinated, you will need to:

- Be fully vaccinated and upload your vaccination record by Sept. 30, or
- Request a medical or religious exemption, or
- Attest that you will not be coming to campus or participating in any in-person university activities.

There are two important dates to note:

1. To help us prepare testing services for those who will need it, students are encouraged to submit their vaccine record or request for exemption by **Aug. 16**.
2. Students have until **Sept. 30** to upload their vaccination record or have an approved exemption on file. **Until that final deadline of Sept. 30, students who have not submitted proof of vaccination will be required to participate in weekly mandatory testing.** Students who fail to comply with the policy may be subject to [Student Conduct disciplinary actions.](#)

Please note that students living in UVA or The Quad are required to submit their vaccination record by Aug. 16, per the License Agreement, in order to move into university housing. This date is different from the systemwide requirement.

Mandatory Testing is Required if Unvaccinated or Not Fully Vaccinated

If you are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated and coming to campus for any reason or participating in any in-person activities associated with the university (on campus or off), you will need to begin [weekly mandatory testing](#). For students starting in-person classes the week of Aug. 30 and who have not yet uploaded their vaccination record, you will need to begin testing that first week of classes.

Individuals with an approved exemption are also required to test weekly. In rare instances, students may request a [medical waiver from weekly testing](#) from Student Health & Counseling Services.

Free weekly testing takes place in the Clarke Fieldhouse on the San Marcos campus, and is also available on the Temecula campus; students can make an appointment through the [CSUSM mobile app](#). Simply tap the link that says "COVID Resources" and complete the quick process of selecting a location, time and confirmation of your personal information. Please use your CSUSM email when making appointments to ensure testing records are accurately monitored.

By Sept. 30, all students will need to have shown proof of vaccination, have an approved exemption, or attest that they will not be coming to campus or participating in any in-person university activities during the fall semester.

How to Verify your Status or Request an Exemption

Visit [myCSUSM](#) to begin the process of uploading your proof of COVID vaccination, request a medical or religious exemption, or to certify that you do not plan to physically access CSU facilities, participate in CSU activities or programs, and are enrolled only in virtual classes. Instructions for how to upload your proof is located at the [Student Health and Counseling Services website](#).

If you have already provided University Housing or Athletics with your COVID vaccination record, that information has been uploaded and no further action is required.

Masks Currently Required on Campus

Vaccination is our best defense against the spread of COVID. Masks offer another line of defense. With the rise of Delta variant cases in our region, [CSUSM is requiring all individuals – regardless of vaccination status – to wear a mask or face covering when indoors.](#) Unvaccinated individuals must also wear a mask outdoors when social distancing cannot be maintained.

Review of Important Dates

Aug. 16: Deadline for students living in on-campus housing to submit proof of vaccination for move-in.

Aug. 16: Priority deadline for students to submit their vaccination record, file an exemption request or attest to remaining off campus for the fall semester. Students with incomplete records will be automatically enrolled in the weekly mandatory testing program, beginning Aug. 30.

Sept. 30: Deadline to submit vaccination documentation or have an approved exemption on file.

To be considered fully vaccinated by the Sept. 30 deadline, you must receive your COVID-19 vaccination by the following dates:

- Moderna vaccine: first dose no later than Aug. 19; second dose no later than Sept. 16
- Pfizer vaccine: first dose no later than Aug. 26; second dose no later than Sept. 16
- Johnson & Johnson vaccine: single dose by Sept. 16

To find a vaccination location closest to you, visit [www.vaccines.gov](#).

Vaccination Incentives

To encourage student vaccinations, CSUSM will be providing a series of incentives and giveaways. All students who have completed their self-certification in myCSUSM by the Sept. 30 deadline will automatically qualify for the drawings. More details to come.

Staying Informed

If you have questions, please review the [CSUSM as One website](#), where you will find additional information on our plans for a safe return to campus. Students may submit questions by emailing csusmasone@csusm.edu.

Your privacy is important to us. The vaccine verification systems we are using follow HIPAA standards.

As one campus community, let's all continue to take good care of one another by remembering to:

- Wear face coverings when indoors with others on campus,
- Wash our hands frequently,
- Stay home when not feeling well, and, of course,
- Get vaccinated!

Stay well,

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