



Saturday, Sept. 05, 2020

Thank you for helping us with the successful start of school this past week. This Labor Day weekend is a well-earned three-day break for everyone, and we hope you are able to relax and enjoy some down time. Obviously, given the ongoing worldwide pandemic, this holiday weekend will be different than years past and, as we all know, we must keep health and safety top of mind. Unfortunately, COVID-19 is not taking the weekend off.

As we all work together - students, faculty and staff - lets continue to keep health and safety top of mind and take every precaution to stop the spread of COVID-19. Large gatherings without proper health protocols - as numerous examples at other college campuses have demonstrated over the past several weeks - have led to spikes in the rate of infection on college campuses. These spikes can adversely affect the health of dozens of individuals as well as impact our local community. When in public, please make sure to wear facial coverings and maintain social distancing. Gathering remotely is a good alternative to gathering in groups.

With all this in mind, we want to share with you that, as of today, September 5, 2020, we have one active case of COVID-19 documented in on-campus housing. The student is now isolating at home out of the region, and all their close contacts have been notified and advised to take precautionary actions. Neither the impacted student – nor their close contacts – have been on campus beyond housing and they are all enrolled in virtual classes. In housing, all common areas are receiving additional sanitization. We wish our student a speedy recovery, and we will be checking in on them to offer our care and ensure they are doing well.

The risk to the CSUSM community is considered very low and, normally, we would not send a campus-wide notification about a positive COVID-19 case of this nature. However, given that this is the first case since fall semester began and we are in the midst of a holiday weekend, we wanted to take this opportunity to update you that health and safety precautions are still very important.

All active, on-campus positive cases are recorded in real time on our [CSUSM as One website](#), where you will be able to find the latest information throughout the semester. We will also provide direct communication and guidance to students and/or employees when they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive or exhibited COVID-19 symptoms.

Thank you for all that you are doing to keep each other safe. We know this is a difficult time to be removed from our extended family and loved ones, but we are all in this together. We care about you and want you to have a great, safe weekend! If you have questions, you are welcome to email [covid@csusm.edu](mailto:covid@csusm.edu).

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