Dear campus community,

As we close out the fall semester and look ahead to the spring semester, we must make sure we all stay informed and up-to-date. We must continue to follow California’s COVID-19 vaccine and testing requirements, reporting all student, faculty, and staff who receive a COVID-19 vaccine booster shot or a negative COVID-19 test over winter break.

For our campus community, students must stay in compliance with the mandate by Jan. 18, 2022, to comply with the spring semester, as we are otherwise eligible under CA and state guidelines. This applies to all enrolled students and current employees.

“Vaccination, including a booster when eligible, remains our most effective strategic approach against infection and severe disease. This impact is highly impactful in the light of the rapid rise of COVID-19 throughout the state and nation as the Omicron variant continues to ramp up -- just like we saw with Delta. Each booster shot significantly increases the likelihood of spreading of the virus on campuses as they replicate in January after the winter break.”

CSU Chancellor Joseph I. Castro

In early January, more information will be provided regarding the spring semester as we continue to monitor the modeling studies and stay in close communication with medical experts and health officials. For now, we continue to emphasize the importance of additional actions, which we will communicate with you as soon as a matter of priority.

Given the urgency of this message and with the winter closure beginning on Thursday, we ask that you read this message carefully, as there are certain actions you may need to take no later than Jan. 18, 2022. Please see the following updates:

**Masks Still Required Indoors on Campus**

Masks remain an essential element of our safety and health protocols, and all members of the CSUSM community must continue to wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status.

**WEEKS STILL REQUIRED ON-CAMPUS**

We hope you and your families had a good winter break. We would like to extend our wishes for a safe and healthy winter break.

**On-Campus Testing Requirement to Continue**

Students and employees who are not fully vaccinated (including those who have an approved vaccine exemption and those who have received their COVID-19 vaccine series but have not yet received their booster shots) are required to test at least once a week if they come to campus or participate in any university activity off campus, i.e., CSUSM at Temecula or any off-campus activity.

Individuals with an approved exemption must continue to test weekly for COVID-19 at the on-campus testing site. Individuals with an approved exemption must continue to test weekly for COVID-19 at the on-campus testing site. Students and employees must test at the Clarke Field House or CSUSM at Temecula campus locations to be in compliance. These tests are free and fast (little to no wait time), and results are ready within 24 hours. View the CSUSM Testing Center hours of operation.

Please note: Testing at the county-operated clinic in Lot B does NOT comply with the on-campus testing requirement. Individuals who fail to complete their required weekly testing will be suspended.

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