Dear CSUSM Employees,

As we close the spring semester and prepare to celebrate our approximately 4,000 graduating students, we want to provide you with an update on transitions toward a more endemic response model for COVID-19 this summer and into the fall. Please be assured that we will continue to monitor COVID-related developments and be ready to shift our approach as the situation warrants.

What You Need to Know:

Masking

As shared in our last message, starting on June 6, masks will no longer be required in instructional spaces. Masks will still be required in the Student Health & Counseling Services building according to California Department of Public Health protocol for health-care settings. Employees, students and campus guests are welcome and supported in continuing to mask as a personal protective health choice.

Anyone who would like to continue wearing masks in any setting may do so at any time. We ask that members of our community remember that those we interact with may have compelling but private reasons to remain masked in public settings. As part of our culture of care, we underscore the value that caring for ourselves and for one another promotes a safe and healthy campus environment. Thank you for continuing to respect a person’s choice to mask.

We encourage everyone to always have a mask on hand. The university will continue to provide masks at building entrances and from the Covered Cougars Distribution Center, where surgical masks, KN95s and N95s are available.

On-Campus COVID-19 Testing

CSUSM’s on-campus COVID-19 testing program will remain on campus through June 30, which is when our contract with our service provider concludes. We are actively exploring options for offering testing and ongoing support to our campus community following this date. This includes the possibility of providing free at-home test kits to students and employees.

Details on CSUSM’s late-summer/fall semester testing program will be provided as soon as more details are available. Students and employees who are not fully vaccinated as well as those who have an approved vaccine exemption should anticipate that there will continue to be a testing requirement in the fall.

Housing and Events

This fall, CSUSM Housing is expected to operate at full occupancy. Apartments will be held in reserve at each location to use as isolation spaces should they be needed for residents.

Meetings and events are also expected to return in the fall with minimal public health restrictions.

Thank You

We sincerely thank you for taking steps to protect each other, such as staying up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations, staying home when you are ill, and washing hands frequently. These acts of personal responsibility continue to strengthen our community, and we appreciate all that you are doing in this regard.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to CSUSMasOne@csusm.edu.