Dear student,

As we approach the end of the spring semester and prepare to celebrate our incredible Class of 2022, we want to share some updates with you about our transition toward a more endemic response model for COVID-19 that will begin this summer and into the fall.

If you have any questions about these transitions, you may email our team at CSUSMasOne@csusm.edu. As the pandemic has shown us over the last two years, circumstances can change. We will continue to monitor and adjust our planning as needed, while we focus on the next steps forward for our campus community.

What You Need to Know at a Glance:

- Starting on June 6, masks will no longer be required in instructional spaces but always welcomed. N95, KN95 and surgical masks will continue to be provided at no cost. Please continue to show care and consideration for those who may have a compelling yet private reason to remain masked. We encourage everyone to always have a mask on hand.
- CSUSM’s on-site COVID-19 testing center at the Clarke Field House and CSUSM at Temecula will close on June 30. Access to testing will continue, but will likely change in its delivery model, such as free at-home antigen testing kits being provided. More information will be shared about testing options and requirements prior to the testing site closing.
- Required testing is expected to continue for students and employees who are not fully vaccinated, as well as those who have an approved vaccine exemption.
- Large events hosted on campus are expected to return in the fall with minimal public health restrictions.

Additional Details:

Masking

As shared in our last message, starting on June 6, masks will no longer be required in instructional spaces, which include all classrooms, labs and Kellogg Library. 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 Cougar Distribution Center, where surgical and KN95 masks are available at no cost to students.

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.