

Amended CSUSM COVID-19 Testing Presidential Order for Students

This Presidential Order is effective February 15, 2021 and supersedes the “CSUSM COVID-19 Housing Testing Presidential Order” that became effective November 10, 2020.

In coordination with the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), California State University, San Marcos (CSUSM) mandates COVID-19 testing at its on-campus testing sites, or as otherwise exempted below, for all students living in CSUSM Housing (UVA and the QUAD), attending classes in-person, or coming to campus for any purpose other than to work as a CSUSM employee.

Regular testing is now part of CSUSM’s ongoing strategy to mitigate and monitor the spread of COVID-19. The purpose of the mandated testing is to address real-time trends and prevalence within the CSUSM campus community, mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and inform intervention and response decisions.

All students living in CSUSM Housing, coming to the San Marcos or Temecula campuses for instruction, or coming to the San Marcos or Temecula campuses to engage in other non-student employee work-related activities (e.g., participate in research or use the computer lab) must be tested once during each week (i.e., each Sunday through Saturday period). Testing is free to students and must be conducted at one of the designated testing [on-campus locations](#).

This testing program should only be used by students without COVID-19 symptoms. If you feel ill, have any symptoms of illness, or have recently been exposed to someone with COVID-19 infection, please do not come to campus, and call (do not visit) Student Health and Counseling Services at 760-750-4915.

There are limited exemptions to this testing requirement, which are noted in the section “Request for Exemptions” below. Beyond those exemptions, failure to comply may result in sanctions, including but not limited to a referral to student conduct. Under CSUSM’s Standards for Student Conduct, students are responsible for not engaging in conduct that threatens the safety or well-being of members of the University community or poses a significant threat of disruption or interference with University operations. We appreciate that all students are being responsible and considerate of their community. Testing is what will allow us to keep everyone safe and healthy and continue serving the campus community. To review the Student Conduct Code, see https://www.csusm.edu/dos/studres/standards_student_conduct.html.

Ongoing Testing Requirement

1. Weekly Testing – If you live in CSUSM Housing or are coming to campus, you must be tested once per week. All visits to the testing location require an appointment. You can schedule in advance or when you arrive; either way, you will need to complete the appointment process. The process is fast and easy:
 - a. Use the [CSUSM Mobile App](#) to schedule your testing appointment. Tap the link that says COVID TESTING, enter the unique code sent to your email, select a location and time, complete the questions and you are all set. You will receive an appointment confirmation via your campus email.
 - b. Visit the testing location as scheduled: You will check in using your campus digital ID (found in the Mobile App) or you can use a government issued ID. You will complete a quick polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test that involves self-administering a mid-nasal swab in both nostrils, under the guidance of medical personnel hired to assist with this testing program.

- c. Get your results: You will receive your results within 24 hours via email or text, whichever you choose. If the test is negative, the text/email you receive will have that information. If you test positive, you will have to log in to view that information from the link that is provided in the communication. Should you test positive, you will need to immediately isolate in your residence for a minimum of 10 days from the date of the positive test, as per County public health requirements. Test results will be disclosed only as allowed or required under public health and other legal requirements. Accordingly, CSUSM will receive notice of a positive result so that staff can follow up and offer services and support. In compliance with state and county regulations, any positive test results will also be reported to San Diego County Health and Human Services Department.
2. Daily Symptom Self-Screening – On any day that you are coming to campus, you must do the symptom self-screening. In the CSUSM Mobile App, tap the [COVID SCREENING](#) button. In just a few taps, you will be able to confirm that you are healthy to come to campus.
3. Entering Campus Locations – Every time you enter an on-campus classroom, lab, or other location, use the CSUSM Mobile App SCAN QR CODE button, point your camera to the QR code on the wall, tap the confirmation prompt, and record your presence in that space.

Request for Exemptions

Various exemptions to the mandated testing may be approved, following the completion of an [exemption form](#) and provision of the appropriate documentation:

- If you have completed your COVID-19 vaccination series (two-doses for currently available vaccines), please use the exemption form to submit your immunization record showing your name, vaccine product/lot number, date, and location of vaccination (iPhone photos of documents are not accepted).
- If you have received a negative COVID-19 test from an off-campus testing source during a week in which you otherwise would have needed to be tested on campus, use the exemption form to submit documentation showing your name, date of test, and a negative result.
- Per CDC guidelines, you should not partake in COVID-19 testing for 90 days following the date of a positive COVID-19 test. Use the exemption form to submit proof of a positive COVID-19 test showing your name, date of test, and a positive result.

If you have other medical reasons that could exempt you from testing, you must contact Student Health and Counseling Services (shcs@csusm.edu or 760-750-4915) to make an appointment to have your exemption approved and recorded. Pursuant to applicable university policy and procedure regarding a request for accommodation, an exemption may be granted to a student who has a disability for which not taking the test is determined by CSUSM to be a reasonable accommodation or makes a request for accommodation for another verifiable reason (such as a sincerely held religious belief) for which not taking the test is determined by CSUSM to be a reasonable accommodation. If requests for exemption are denied, students are required to complete COVID-19 testing as directed.

Please call (760) 750-7800 or email COVIDTesting@csusm.edu if you have questions. The phone will be answered 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. There will be a voicemail box active during other hours.

Thank you to all members of our campus community who are continuing to adhere to public health measures to stop the spread of COVID-19. Stay well and know that we are in this together.