Dear CSUSM Students, Family & Friends:

COVID-19 has affected how we live, work, play, study and conduct daily life. As a community, we have adjusted our habits to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Following the latest guidance from the University System of California and the California Department of Public Health, we are implementing new health and safety protocols for the fall semester.

This Directive is in addition to existing protocols and is intended to provide an updated guidance and framework for the fall term. It is based on the latest guidance from the CDC and the California Department of Public Health. This Directive will be reviewed bi-weekly to ensure we are aligning with the latest guidance and recommendations.

COVID-19: Mitigating Measures and Guidelines

1. DIRECTOR

COVID-19 is spreading at an alarming rate. As the epidemic worsens, the University requires community members to take action to prevent further spread of COVID-19. Our primary objectives are to prevent illness in our University community, protect the health and safety of our local community, and comply with applicable laws and regulations.

2. SCOPE

The University is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all members of the campus community. Any member of the University community who has been found to be infected with COVID-19 or who has had close contact with someone who has been infected with COVID-19 is required to follow the University’s health guidelines, as outlined in this Directive and in the University’s Health Toolkit (August 2020).

3. DEFINITIONS

A. Face Covering:

A face covering is a material that covers the nose and mouth. It must be securely worn to ensure it stays in place when you are engaged in an activity.

B. Social Distancing:

Social distancing is maintaining a physical distance of at least six feet between people, refraining from touching or standing close to others, and avoiding gatherings of more than 10 people.

C. Isolation:

Isolation is the quarantine of an individual who has been exposed to or infected with a communicable disease and continues for the required duration to prevent the transmission of the disease to others.

D. Health Distancing:

Health distancing is maintaining a physical distance of at least six feet between people, refraining from touching or standing close to others, and avoiding gatherings of more than 10 people.

E. AUTHORITY

The President of CSUSM has been delegated authority to establish, amend, modify and cancel this Directive as the University’s needs require.

4. CRITERIA

A. Face Coverings

All campus community members must wear a face covering while in the following situations:

- In classrooms
- In work environments
- In laboratories
- In all public spaces while indoors, except in situations where the wearing of a face covering would seriously impair the health or safety of the user or others

B. Social Distancing

All campus community members are encouraged to practice social distancing while indoors, except in situations where the wearing of a face covering would seriously impair the health or safety of the user or others. The University requires that this Directive be followed on the University’s property and its authorized facilities.

C. Isolation

Any person who has been exposed to or infected with COVID-19 is required to self-isolate if they are unable to work remotely. The University is responsible for communicating with an affected member of the University community about their required isolation.

D. Health Distancing

All campus community members must maintain a health distance of at least six feet between themselves and others, and avoid gatherings of more than 10 people in the following situations:

- In classrooms
- In work environments
- In laboratories
- In all public spaces while indoors

5. REPORTING

Campus community members must report symptoms to their respective campus community when they are experiencing COVID-like symptoms such as:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Fever
- Chills
- Body aches
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell

When reporting symptoms, campus community members should ensure that they are following the University’s health guidelines, as outlined in this Directive and in the University’s Health Toolkit (August 2020).

6. PROVIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

The University provides health and safety information and resources to all members of the University community. The University requires that this Directive be followed on the University’s property and its authorized facilities.

7. REVIEW

The University will review this Directive on a regular basis to ensure it is consistent with applicable guidelines and regulations.

8. PEPPER SPRAY

When reporting symptoms or participating in any University-related activity when participating in an activity that could result in physical harm, campus community members may carry pepper spray. Campus community members must follow the University’s health and safety guidelines.

9. ACCESSIBILITY

All members of the University community have a right to be free from discrimination and harassment based on their gender identity and expression, and from discrimination and harassment based on race, ethnicity and national origin.

10. SUBMISSION

This Directive is submitted to the California Department of Public Health (COVID-19: Inclusion and Health Equity at the University of California) and the California Department of Public Health (COVID-19: Inclusion and Health Equity at the University of California).

11. MANAGEMENT

This Directive is submitted to the California Department of Public Health (COVID-19: Inclusion and Health Equity at the University of California) and the California Department of Public Health (COVID-19: Inclusion and Health Equity at the University of California).

12. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective August 17, 2020, and will remain in effect until further notice.

Oscar Martinez, President