

Spring 2022 Update Town Hall Meeting

January 31 & February 1, 2022



Main Takeaways

1. Return to course modality as listed in the course schedule on February 7 as initially planned.
2. Booster requirement for students: “grace” period until February 13; MPPs and Confidential series required to submit by February 6 as initially planned.
3. Staff will return on February 7; managers will have flexibility in their staff repopulation; new telework agreements are forthcoming.
4. Mask requirement: medical/surgical masks at minimum; KN95 masks available for faculty/staff.

Context

- Ongoing consultation with Ventura County Public Health (VCPH); Environmental Health & Safety; CSU Chancellor's Office.
- Peak of new cases (7-day average) in Ventura County January 14, and VCPH expecting continued sharp decline; hospitalization rates also expected to follow.
- Fully vaccinated % of all 14-day cases (January 28): 38%
 - Overall rate of fully vaccinated: 5.36%
 - Hospitalization rate of fully vaccinated: .109%

Context

- Campus population data as of January 28, 2022:
 - 725 students in housing
 - 400 students enrolled courses meeting in person this week (-52 housing students)
 - 200 staff members
 - 22 faculty
 - Total: 1295
- Positivity rates between January 17-January 28 (2-week period)
 - 34 positive cases reported centrally (2.6%)
 - Of the 34, 10 cases physically impacted campus and required formal response (.7%); of the 10, 3 occurred during the first week of class (1 case impacted classroom).

Context

- Campus numbers are in alignment with local and statewide trends; our primarily virtual start to the semester has served its purpose (risk mitigation and minimizing disruption to learning environment).
- CalOSHA/CDPH modifications to quarantine requirements will help mitigate disruption (same standards for employees and students).
 - If fully vaccinated or boosted, asymptomatic, and negative test → no need to quarantine.
- Booster “grace period” for students: vendor transition; individual nature of eligibility date; lack of clear guidance on timeline of booster eligibility if test positive.

Moving Forward

- Campus messaging forthcoming.
- CSU Booster Requirement: specific instructions for employees and students; incentive program for students; policy being bargained centrally with labor units.
- Testing/vaccination clinics on campus.
- Mask availability and enforcement.
- Cleaning protocols and contact tracing protocols/notifications.
- Want to maintain flexibility for individual circumstances; medical conditions require formal HR process.
- NPOC: prior to February 14, will include students who have failed to meet the safety requirements (e.g., did not submit for weekly testing, no certification on file, issues with documentation)
- Students who must isolate or quarantine – separate notification from DoS office.
- If you receive report from student regarding positive case, report centrally.
- Event protocols will not be modified (consultation with VPCH).

Moving Forward

- Long-term outlook: VCPH timeline on endemic status?
- VCPH eventually moving away from individual contact tracing process and notifications.
- Emerging variants.
- What mitigation strategies will be required long-term and what resources will be necessary?
- Long-term impact on course modality and student services?

Q&A

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