

Spring 2022 Update Town Hall Meeting

February 4, 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 students.

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 for Certification via a Professional Vaccination Vendor – Complio – who will manage collection, storage, and review of vaccine documentation. CSUCI will review medical (SHS) and religious (DOS) exemptions.
- CSU Booster Requirement: Due Noon Feb. 13 for students eligible to receive the booster. Incentive program for students to encourage prompt submissions.
- Testing/vaccination clinics on campus.
- Mask availability and enforcement.
- Cleaning protocols and contact tracing protocols/notifications.
- Want to maintain flexibility for individual circumstances; accommodations may be appropriate and students should work with DASS.

Moving Forward

- Students who fail to meet any safety requirements are not permitted on campus until met (e.g., No weekly test, no certification on file, issues with documentation). Absence of the booster certification will not be considered until Feb. 13.
- Students who must isolate or quarantine – separate notification from DoS office to faculty to help support everyone.
- If students are positive for COVID-19, have been exposed, or know someone, they need to 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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