



Fall 2021 Update: CSUCI Town Hall

April 13, 2021

Recent Information

- Vaccinations:
 - President Biden: 16+ eligible for vaccine by ~~May 1~~-April 19
 - CA : 16+ available starting April 15th.
- Governor Newsom: economy fully open by June 15th
- CDC and CDPH Updated Guidelines: 3 ft distancing in K-12 classroom seating (expecting similar guidelines for higher education)
- HEERF II Funding

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Recent Information

- Progress towards herd immunity:
 - Dr. Carrie Byington, Executive Vice President UC Health System
 - Immunity at 37% as of March 11 (goal is 70-85%)
 - Distinct possibility by August 1st (projected 55% population immunized and 33% natural immunity by contracting virus)
 - Goal is to ensure that positivity rates on campus are no higher than surrounding community.
 - More controls for surveillance and screening - positivity rates drop substantially in comparison to the surrounding community.
- Extremely fluid nature of emerging information.
 - Recent spikes in some parts of the country.
 - Vaccine effectiveness in relation to variants.

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Planning Assumptions

- Plans reviewed by VCPH and in full alignment with federal, state and county guidelines (if course of pandemic changes and/or vaccinations are not as efficacious as we anticipate we will pivot accordingly; and vice versa*).
- Classroom planning scenario baseline is 3ft minimum distancing (with contingency plans for 6ft distancing and herd immunity).
- Vaccination or routine surveillance testing.
- Large classes will be online or outdoors.
- Faculty and staff repopulation.

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Areas of Clarification

- Commonly used facilities (Library, SUB, Dining Hall, Rec Center, etc.): capacity and spacing recommendations
- Student services: capacity and spacing recommendations
- Faculty and staff repopulation: evaluation of workspaces; phased return to as applicable; Cal/OSHA update.
- Infrastructure needs: vaccination/testing and enforcement; increased contact tracing staffing resources; monitoring of spaces.
- Finalize housing occupancy models/room assignment process.
- Co-curricular programming and events.
- Individual exceptions/accommodations.

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Moving Forward

- Schedule finalized by April 10; CO submission by April 30.
- Facilities:
 - Classroom configurations - most classroom layouts completed at 6ft.
 - Cleaning protocols and scope for custodial vendor support
 - Installed MERV 13 HVAC filters previously – replacement order for the fall
 - Modification of classrooms and common spaces in buildings (limited seating; signage; sanitizer/wipes)
 - Outdoor spaces
- Technology needs
- Communication plan/additional forums
- Hoping for a very high vaccination rate for entire campus community
- Coming back to a different environment: support structures for faculty, students and staff

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