Fall 2021 Update: CSUCI Town Hall

April 13, 2021
Recent Information

• Vaccinations:
  • President Biden: 16+ eligible for vaccine by May 1
  • 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
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 1\textsuperscript{st} (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.
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.
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.
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