

DIVISION OF BUSINESS & FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

COVID-19 BRIEFING

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Unit: Public Safety

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ACTION:

Request for Cabinet's approval of recommended strategy for continued in-person instruction during the Fall 2020 semester.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY ISSUE(S):

CSU Channel Islands (CSUCI) started its Fall 2020 semester in a mostly virtual learning environment, with limited exceptions for in-person instruction on campus. Detailed plans are in place to support these in-person activities while controlling the spread of COVID-19 within the CSUCI community. The University's plans have been reviewed by Ventura County Public Health and approved by the CSU Chancellor. Individual safety plans for in-person instruction have been reviewed and approved by CSUCI's Environmental Health & Safety department. Universities across the country, including campuses within the CSU system, have experienced significant COVID-19 outbreaks in their communities since the start of the fall semester and have been forced to revert back to virtual learning environments.

RECOMMENDATION:

In an effort to support the continuation of limited in-person instruction on the CSUCI campus, while controlling the spread of COVID-19 as students, faculty and staff become infected, the University will use the following as a baseline for decision-making:

- If any one student, faculty or staff attending an in-person class tests positive for COVID-19, the in-person class shall be suspended and held virtually during the infected person's 14-day incubation period. If no other individuals participating in the in-person class become infected during this 14-day period, the in-person class may then resume as scheduled.
- Any classroom or lab space potentially contaminated by the infected person will be immediately isolated and sanitized. The space will remain inaccessible for a period of 7 days from the date of exposure. Any other classes that utilize this space will either identify an alternate location for in-person instruction or pivot to virtual instruction until the space can be repopulated again.
- If a different person in another class tests positive for COVID-19, then that individual's in-person class will be suspended and held virtually for 14 days and that space will be secured, sanitized, and will remain inaccessible for 7 days from the date of exposure.

- If at any point within any 14-day period, the combined number of students, faculty and staff who test positive for COVID-19 exceeds 2% of the student population approved for in-person instruction (2% of 814 students for the fall 2020 semester = 16), all in-person instruction on campus will cease and immediately transition to virtual instruction for the remainder of the semester.

This protocol will not apply to Student Housing because of the effective lodging arrangements in place to protect resident students from COVID-19.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: N/A

CURRENT UPDATE: N/A

SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS: N/A