

College Statement

Subject: **CPGE and the Pandemic in India**

The recent surge in COVID infections in India is especially distressing given the close ties San José State has to India and the vitality of our large Indian student community. We know many of our students are worried about their families and their future.

This situation is compounded for newly admitted students by difficulties in obtaining visa appointments with consulates and embassies abroad and continued travel restrictions due to the fluid COVID situation. Just last week, President Biden halted travel from India to the United States. However, India has been added to the list of countries for the National Interest Exemptions (NIE), meaning that F-1 students may travel to the United States as long as they have a valid I-20, valid F-1 visa stamp, and have met the [COVID testing requirements](#) set forth by the CDC.

The [CSU announcement](#) about the vaccine requirement for all students, staff, and faculty for the fall 2021 semester has added another variable to this developing situation that has caused many of our international students to seek guidance on how they can come to SJSU to begin or continue their studies. SJSU awaits guidance from the Chancellor's Office on these policies and is preparing for others.

Our foremost concern is the health of our students at SJSU and abroad. We know that the conditions of the pandemic are complex and ever-changing. It's important to [keep in contact with our staff](#) for the latest updates and guidance. We will post the latest updates [here](#) when important news becomes available.

In the meantime, we are working on plans to address the situation, including online courses to continue degree requirements and, if necessary, deferrals to the spring 2022 semester.