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To: Campus Community

From: Steve Perez, Interim President

Subject: San José State University Student COVID-19 Policy
Presidential Directive 2021-02 (REVISED)

The health, well-being, and safety of our students are our highest priorities. As the university continues to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is incumbent upon each member of our campus community to maintain safety protocols on campus and when engaged in any on- or off-campus academic or university-related activity to help mitigate the spread of the virus.

To ensure the safety of our community, every student must comply with COVID-19 safety protocols defined by:

- Federal, state, county, and local guidelines and ordinances, and
- University directives and policies

Compliance requirements apply to individuals and members of a(n):

- Student organization
- Athletic team,
- Research cohort
- Any other group that engages in university-sponsored activity
- Students joining in any gathering of two or more SJSU students.

If an individual member of a group violates health and safety protocols, the entire group may lose eligibility to continue its activity, temporarily or permanently.

VACCINATION

SJSU is required to comply with the [CSU COVID-19 vaccination policy](#) released July 29, 2021, and subsequent updates. Student compliance with this directive is defined as having received either:

1. Full vaccination, including [SJSU's verification](#) of all necessary primary series doses, boosters, and waiting periods supported by the student's submitted documentation (e.g., vaccination card image or CA Department of Public Health Digital COVID19 Vaccine Record), or
2. An approved or pending request for medical or religious exemption from vaccination with appropriate documentation combined with adherence to required personal safety measures, or
3. Verification as a fully online student.

VACCINATION COMPLIANCE IS MANDATORY

Failure to fully comply with the [CSU COVID-19 vaccination policy](#) and the indicated deadlines may result in denial of access to all campus programs and activities, including in-person instruction. Students enrolled in in-person course(s) who have not complied may be prevented from enrolling in additional classes and may have their access to campus facilities revoked until they achieve compliance. See the [Health Advisories](#) site for the latest Information.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

SJSU aligns its required safety protocols with current [Santa Clara County Health Department](#), local, [state](#) and [federal](#) guidance for any academic or university-related activities off campus, even for fully vaccinated individuals. Required safety protocols may include masking, physical distancing, symptom checking, positive case reporting, asymptomatic testing, quarantine, and isolation.

SJSU reserves the right to implement additional or more stringent safety protocols if it deems them appropriate. See the [Health Advisories](#) site for the latest information on required safety protocols.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN ATHLETIC, RECREATIONAL OR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

Student-athletes must also follow established SJSU Athletics Department safety protocols while training and competing. Additionally, students participating in physical activity through intramural/club sports, Kinesiology courses, Spartan Recreation, or other curricular or extracurricular programs or activities must follow the established health and safety guidelines of each respective program.

RESIDENT STUDENTS

Students who reside in the residence halls are also subject to the terms and conditions of the [Student Housing License Agreement](#), including the addendum regarding COVID-19 protocols. Residents are required to comply with health and safety laws, orders, ordinances, regulations, and health and safety guidance adopted by University Housing Services as it relates to COVID-19. See the [Health Advisories](#) site for the latest information.

EXCEPTIONS DUE TO DISABILITY

In rare circumstances, students may have disability-related limitations that impact their ability to adhere to safety measures, such as wearing face masks. In these cases, students must register with the [Accessible Education Center \(AEC\)](#) to determine reasonable and appropriate accommodations for the required safety measures.

FAILURE TO COMPLY

Regularly practicing safety protocols currently is the most effective way to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 exposure. Failure to follow required safety protocols may result in referral to the [Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development](#). The following sanctions may be imposed: inability to register for a future semester, denial of access to campus facilities and activities, educational sanctions, disciplinary probation, and/or suspension from SJSU. Students who are required to participate in the asymptomatic testing program may face these sanctions after three missed tests. Repeat offenses may result in more significant sanctions such as expulsion from the CSU system.

REPORTING

As the safety of the campus community is dependent upon our collective efforts, when an SJSU community member becomes aware of a violation of this policy, they are encouraged to notify the [Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development](#). The office will take appropriate action to support and maintain the health of our community. Student Conduct & Ethical Development can be consulted at studentconduct@sjsu.edu or 408-924- 5895 during business hours.

UPDATES

It is important to note that due to the rapidly changing landscape during the pandemic, safety protocols, policies, and procedures may be altered or augmented at any time. Students are highly encouraged to visit the [Health Advisories](#) site for the latest information regarding campus safety protocols.

DESIGNATED CAMPUS AUTHORITY

The Vice President of Student Affairs is the designated authority for overseeing student compliance with COVID-19 safety protocols. Any violation of this policy may also be a violation of the [Student Conduct Code](#) and will be adjudicated by the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development.

REVISIONS

- 1/20/2022 Removed previous deadlines to offer universal guidance for COVID vaccination developments. Added academic holds as a consequence of noncompliance. Changed the potential of receiving consequences for noncompliance from "will" to "may". Made revisions to improve clarity.
- 8/16/22 Restructured to reflect new guidance from county and state, removed outdated information, added links to relevant areas.