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To: Campus Community

From: Mary A. Papazian, President 

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

OVERVIEW

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. Students must comply with federal, state, county, and local guidelines and ordinances as well as university directives and policies to help ensure the safety of our community, both as an individual and as a member of a student organization, athletic team, research cohort, or any other group that engages in university-sponsored activity. This includes 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 policy](#) on vaccination released July 29, 2021. Compliance with this directive is defined as either:

1. Full vaccination, including SJSU's verification of all necessary doses and waiting periods based on the student's submitted documentation (e.g., vaccination card image or CA Department of Public Health Digital COVID-19 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.

Failure to fully comply with the CSU vaccination policy and the requisite deadlines, including certification, by September 30, 2021 will result in **denial of access to all campus programs and activities, including in-person instruction**, on October 1, 2021. **Students enrolled in in-person course(s) as of October 1, 2021, who have not certified compliance will be dropped from any in-person course, effective October 1, 2021.** See the [Health Advisories site](#) for the most up to date information.

Various cohorts of students, such as student-athletes, club sports, and students living in the residence halls, among others, may be required to be fully vaccinated prior to

the September 30, 2021, deadline in order to participate in these co-curricular activities.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

FACE MASKS

SJSU will align its requirements for face coverings with current Santa Clara County Health Department, local, state and federal guidance for any academic or university-related activities off campus, even for individuals fully vaccinated. SJSU reserves the right to implement additional or more stringent safety measures if it deems them appropriate.

Student-athletes must follow established SJSU Athletics Department protocols about the use of face masks while training and competing. Similarly, 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.

Students who reside in the residence halls are 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 most up to date information.

In rare circumstances, a student may have a registered disability with the Accessible Education Center (“AEC”) that precludes them from following required safety measures. These students must work with an AEC advisor to be granted an exemption. A student who is not registered with the AEC but requires a medical exemption for a face mask must register with the AEC, submit documentation from their treating professional, and meet with an AEC advisor to determine eligibility for an exemption.

Students in need of masks can obtain them at the Student Health Center and various locations across campus.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

SJSU will align expectations for physical distancing with current Santa Clara County Health Department, local, state and federal guidance for individuals on campus and when engaged in any academic or university-related activities off campus with individuals not in their household, unless expressly permitted, such as on the field of play in an athletics competition, as required for specific [Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity \(RSCA\) efforts](#), or as necessary for personal safety. See the [Health Advisories site](#) for the most up to date information.

SYMPTOM CHECK TOOL

Unvaccinated individuals who come to campus for any reason must complete the Symptom Self-Check Tool each day before they come to campus. The Symptom Self-Check Tool will indicate whether a student should stay home or may come to campus. See the [Health Advisories site](#) for the most up to date information.

COVID-19 TESTING

Various cohorts of students, such as student-athletes, unvaccinated students, students living in the residence halls, those attending in-person classes, among others may need to participate in mandatory COVID-19 testing. Students are expected to adhere to this requirement and share the results as necessary in order to help maintain the safety of our campus community. See the [Health Advisories site](#) for the most up to date information.

Failure to comply two or more times may result in denial of access to campus and students enrolled in on-campus class(es) may be dropped from on-campus course(s). Further discipline may also apply.

POSITIVE TEST RESULTS AND EXPOSURE

Students who have tested positive for or are exposed to COVID-19 must immediately discontinue in-person engagement in any academic or university-related activities and notify the university via our [Report a Case portal](#). Information will only be shared with necessary campus officials and public health agencies when required, and the SJSU Case Management Team will commence investigation and notification as appropriate and necessary. Students who have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive or who have symptoms and are awaiting a test or test result must also report this information via the [Report a Case portal](#). Failure to report a case may result in interim suspension to protect the health and safety of the SJSU community.

QUARANTINE

Unvaccinated students who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 must immediately discontinue in-person engagements in any academic or university-related activities, quarantine, and follow the current county and state guidelines, whichever is stricter of the two.

Vaccinated students who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 must test within a week of exposure.

Failure to adhere to quarantine or testing may result in interim suspension to protect the health and safety of the SJSU community. See the [Health Advisories site](#) for the most up to date information.

ISOLATION

Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccine status, must isolate, which means being separate from others, staying in a specific “sick room” or area (if available), and use of a separate bathroom (if available).

Failure to adhere to isolation may result in interim suspension to protect the health and safety of the SJSU community. See the [Health Advisories site](#) for the most up to date information.

RESPONSIBILITY & COMPLIANCE

Regularly practicing these safety protocols is currently the most effective way to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 exposure. Failure to follow these safety protocols may result in referral to the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development. Potential consequences include disciplinary sanctions, probation, or suspension from SJSU as appropriate, and repeat offenses may result in more significant disciplinary action such as expulsion. Additionally, SJSU may terminate access to on-campus academic & co-curricular experience as an interim measure should one fail to adhere to safety protocols.

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.

DESIGNEE

The Vice President of Student Affairs has 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.