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Subject: 2021 Spring Virtual Commencement



Dear Fellow Coyotes,

I am writing to reaffirm that Cal State San Bernardino's 2021 Spring Commencement will remain virtual. As a follow up to my [February 2 message](#), I must reiterate that the health, safety and well-being of our students, faculty and staff will continue to be our top priority in all decisions. While the May 2021 commencement will remain virtual, all graduates from June 2020, December 2020 and May 2021, as well as their families, will be invited back for an in-person commencement as soon as it is safe to do so.

CSUSB maintains collaborative partnerships with the public health departments of San Bernardino and Riverside counties and closely follows their recommendations to operate safely. While our counties recently advanced to the orange tier risk level, public health guidance at this level still strongly discourage indoor gatherings. While the recent news of COVID-19 vaccinations opening to everyone 16 and above is exciting and welcomed, at this time, San Bernardino County is only 14% fully vaccinated and Riverside County is only 19% fully vaccinated. We must achieve significantly higher levels of vaccination in our community before we can consider gathering groups of people at any campus event.

I strongly encourage you to receive a vaccination as soon as you are able and continue to wear a mask and socially distance when you are around anyone outside your immediate household. I am encouraged by the progress in our counties, but remain cautious. While I am incredibly hopeful for the resumption of our in-person activities in the coming months, we are not there yet.

You have displayed patience, resilience and fortitude throughout the pandemic. On behalf of the CSUSB community, I wish everyone continued health and safety.

Sincerely,

Tomás D. Morales

President

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