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California State University Anticipates Return to In-Person Coursework for Fall 2021 Term

(December 9, 2020) - In keeping with previous efforts to provide current and prospective students and families with information, clarity and time to plan, the California State University (CSU) has announced that it is planning for an anticipated return to delivering courses primarily in-person starting with the fall 2021 term.

“It’s critical that we provide as much advance notice as possible to students and their families, as we have done previously in announcing our moves toward primarily virtual instruction,” said CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White. “While we are currently going through a very difficult surge in the pandemic, there is light at the end of the tunnel with the promising progress on vaccines.”

“We are approaching planning for the 2021 fall term with the goal of having the majority of our on-campus experiences returning,” said CSU Chancellor-select Joseph I. Castro. “This decision comes at a good time as high school and transfer students have until December 15 to complete their applications for fall admission. I urge eligible students across the Golden State to apply for admission to one or more CSU campuses.”

Prospective students apply to CSU campuses online through the [Cal State Apply website](#). Application fee waivers are available, and there are robust financial aid programs for eligible students with need.

The CSU remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring the health and safety of all members of its 23 campus communities throughout California. This is why CSU necessarily is conducting the current 2020-21 academic year primarily in the virtual space. The emerging evidence provides optimism that the upcoming 2021-22 academic year can be conducted much more in person. It is too soon to determine what the science will allow for the 2021 summer term. That determination will be made closer to the deadlines for summer 2021 student registration.

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