

From: CSUSB COVID-19

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Subject: Newsom Mandate Notification

Governor Newsom has announced a state-wide universal indoor mask mandate which went into effect on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, and will continue through January 15, 2022. The California Department of Public Health recently released [guidance](#) for the use of face coverings during this time. This added layer of mitigation is intended to slow the spread of the emerging Omicron variant which was detected for the first time in San Bernardino County on December 14.

This is a reminder for our campus community that the global pandemic is not over and we need to continue being vigilant in our safety efforts. In accordance with this latest public health mandate, our campus will continue to require all faculty, staff and students to wear face coverings when indoors on campus. Previous face covering exemptions—including the exemption allowing fully vaccinated faculty to lecture without face coverings, performers, etc.—are therefore rescinded.

The COVID-19 vaccines remain effective in preventing serious disease, hospitalization and death from this virus. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend booster shots for everyone ages 16 and older. Booster shots are available on the San Bernardino campus by appointment on Wednesdays and Thursdays through the COVID testing center. [Schedule an on-campus booster shot TODAY.](#)

As we gather with family and friends this holiday season, we all need to do our part to stop the spread. For more information on what our campus is doing to promote safety from COVID-19, please visit <https://www.csusb.edu/covid-19>.

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