

## Fall 2021 Reopening Survey Report: Undergraduate Respondents

June 1, 2021

The Fall 2021 Reopening Survey opened on March 10, 2021, and closed on March 19, 2021. The survey population included all state- and self-supported students currently enrolled in Spring 2021 and not currently enrolled but active/eligible to enroll in Fall 2021.

A modified second Fall 2021 Reopening Survey opened on May 17, 2021, and closed on May 30, 2021. The survey population included all state- and self-supported students currently enrolled in Spring 2021, students not currently enrolled but active/eligible to enroll in Fall 2021, and incoming Fall 2021 students.

The following survey frequency distributions compare the final results of the first reopening survey administered in March 2021 with the final results of the second reopening survey administered in May 2021, where applicable. Survey responses in this report are filtered for undergraduate students. Nursing online respondents are excluded from the survey results.

### Response Rates

	Survey Population	Survey Respondents*	Response Rate (%)
First Fall 2021 Reopening Survey	10,395	3,768	36.24%
Second Fall 2021 Reopening Survey	13,624	4,284	31.44%

*\*Completed and partially completed surveys*

The Reopening Survey was adapted from Fresno State's reopening survey and was used with permission.

### Q1 - How comfortable would you feel coming to campus for each of the following:

#### Face-to-face instruction

#	Tier	Extremely uncomfortable		Moderately uncomfortable		Slightly uncomfortable		Slightly comfortable		Moderately comfortable		Extremely comfortable		Total
1	Red-1 <sup>st</sup> survey	35.17%	1323	17.60%	662	10.87%	409	9.78%	368	11.91%	448	14.67%	552	3762
2	Orange-1 <sup>st</sup> survey	22.88%	834	20.00%	729	12.76%	465	11.55%	421	14.38%	524	18.44%	672	3645
3	Yellow-1 <sup>st</sup> survey	12.39%	446	12.52%	451	15.11%	544	14.63%	527	17.83%	642	27.52%	991	3601
4	No Tier-2 <sup>nd</sup> survey	18.46%	784	14.05%	597	11.86%	504	12.08%	513	21.73%	923	21.82%	927	4248
	Percentage Point Diff. (#4 - #2)*	-4.42		-5.95		-0.9		0.53		7.35		3.38		

*\*Difference between May and March results based on the orange tier scenario (mid-range). Items #1-3 are the final results from the 1st reopening survey; item #4 are the final results from the 2nd reopening survey. See the tier descriptions below. As of June 15, California will no longer use the tier system to guide activities.*

### Using study spaces

#	Tier	Extremely uncomfortable		Moderately uncomfortable		Slightly uncomfortable		Slightly comfortable		Moderately comfortable		Extremely comfortable		Total
1	Red-1 <sup>st</sup> survey	28.00%	1052	18.23%	685	13.57%	510	13.12%	493	12.08%	454	14.99%	563	3757
2	Orange-1 <sup>st</sup> survey	18.43%	671	19.81%	721	14.86%	541	13.87%	505	15.30%	557	17.72%	645	3640
3	Yellow-1 <sup>st</sup> survey	9.86%	355	12.61%	454	15.28%	550	16.23%	584	18.37%	661	27.65%	995	3599
4	No Tier-2 <sup>nd</sup> survey	14.95%	634	12.52%	531	12.74%	540	15.87%	673	21.01%	891	22.90%	971	4240
	Percentage Point Diff. (#4 - #2)*	-3.48		-7.29		-2.12		2.00		5.71		5.18		

### Attending/participating in campus events

#	Tier	Extremely uncomfortable		Moderately uncomfortable		Slightly uncomfortable		Slightly comfortable		Moderately comfortable		Extremely comfortable		Total
1	Red-1 <sup>st</sup> survey	43.07%	1618	16.21%	609	11.31%	425	8.81%	331	8.84%	332	11.76%	442	3757
2	Orange-1 <sup>st</sup> survey	28.19%	1027	20.61%	751	14.52%	529	10.73%	391	11.09%	404	14.85%	541	3643
3	Yellow-1 <sup>st</sup> survey	14.86%	535	15.72%	566	16.83%	606	15.88%	572	13.86%	499	22.85%	823	3601
4	No Tier-2 <sup>nd</sup> survey	21.99%	931	14.55%	616	14.55%	616	15.71%	665	15.40%	652	17.79%	753	4233
	Percentage Point Diff. (#4 - #2)*	-6.20		-6.06		0.03		4.98		4.31		2.94		

### Meeting with student support staff

#	Tier	Extremely uncomfortable		Moderately uncomfortable		Slightly uncomfortable		Slightly comfortable		Moderately comfortable		Extremely comfortable		Total
1	Red-1 <sup>st</sup> survey	17.98%	675	15.10%	567	15.63%	587	16.51%	620	16.43%	617	18.35%	689	3755
2	Orange-1 <sup>st</sup> survey	13.44%	489	14.67%	534	14.43%	525	16.76%	610	19.62%	714	21.08%	767	3639
3	Yellow-1 <sup>st</sup> survey	8.30%	298	9.35%	336	11.92%	428	16.01%	575	22.69%	815	31.74%	1140	3592
4	No Tier-2 <sup>nd</sup> survey	10.23%	433	9.21%	390	10.68%	452	17.24%	730	24.99%	1058	27.66%	1,171	4234
	Percentage Point Diff. (#4 - #2)*	-3.21		-5.46		-3.75		0.48		5.37		6.58		

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### Highlights

- Students reported higher comfort levels in the second reopening survey when asked about participating in campus-related activities in person.
- In comparison to the orange tier scenario in the March survey, there was an over 10 percentage point increase in May among students who reported *moderately* or *extremely* comfortable attending face-to-face instruction, using study spaces, and meeting with student support staff; the percentage point increase was lower for attending/participating in campus events at about seven percentage points.

Red Tier:

<p><b>SUBSTANTIAL</b></p> <p>Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed</p>	<p><b>4.0 – 7.0</b> Daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p><b>5.0 – 8.0%</b> Positive tests</p>	<p><b>5.3 – 8.0%</b> Positive tests</p>
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Orange Tier:

<p><b>MODERATE</b></p> <p>Some indoor business operations are open with modifications</p>	<p><b>1.0 – 3.9</b> Daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p><b>2.0 – 4.9%</b> Positive tests</p>	<p><b>2.2 – 5.2%</b> Positive tests</p>
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Yellow Tier:

<p><b>MINIMAL</b></p> <p>Most indoor business operations are open with modifications</p>	<p><b>Less than 1.0</b> Daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p><b>Less than 2.0%</b> Positive tests</p>	<p><b>Less than 2.2%</b> Positive tests</p>
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**Q2 - What would be your preferred method for course delivery in Fall 2021?**

#	Answer	Final March results		Final May results*	
		%	Count	%	Count
1	Face-to-Face	25.79%	933	N/A	N/A
2	Virtual/Online	46.38%	1678	N/A	N/A
3	Hybrid (e.g., class meets M,F in-person but W online)	12.55%	454	N/A	N/A
4	HyFlex (e.g., class meets Face-to-Face, online, or hybrid) - all 3 modalities	13.38%	484	N/A	N/A
5	No preference	1.91%	69	N/A	N/A
	Total	100%	3618	N/A	N/A

*\*Not applicable; question removed from second reopening survey*

**Highlight**

- Of those that responded, 46.4% preferred virtual/online courses and 25.8% preferred face-to-face instruction for Fall 2021. This question was not included in the second reopening survey.

**Q3 - If you returned to campus for a face-to-face course or courses in Fall 2021, how would you prefer to access student services? Services such as health services, counseling, advising, career services, tutoring, etc.**

#	Answer	Final March results		Final May results		Percentage Point Diff.
		%	Count	%	Count	Count
1	I would prefer to access these services virtually in Fall 2021.	32.99%	1168	31.20%	1328	-1.79
2	I would prefer to access some of these services virtually and access others face-to-face in Fall 2021.	39.52%	1399	38.35%	1632	-1.17
3	I would prefer to access all student services face-to-face in Fall 2021.	21.33%	755	23.99%	1021	2.66
4	I have no preference.	6.16%	218	6.46%	275	0.30
	Total	100%	3540	100.00%	4256	

**Highlights**

- The majority of respondents in both the first and second reopening surveys reported they would prefer to access some student services virtually and access others face-to-face, 39.5% in March and 38.4% in May.
- About one-fourth of respondents in May stated they would prefer to access all student services face-to-face in Fall 2021, an increase of about 2.7 percentage points compared to respondents in March.

**Q4 - What factors would potentially deter you from returning to campus in Fall 2021? (Select all that apply.)**

#	Answer	Final March results		Final May results		Percentage Point Diff.
		%	Count	%	Count	Count
1	I do not foresee any factors that would deter me from returning to campus	4.37%	529	7.74%	962	3.37
2	Concern about my personal health related to COVID-19	18.30%	2218	13.76%	1710	-4.54
3	Concern about the health of someone close to me related to COVID-19	18.49%	2241	14.46%	1797	-4.03
4	Responsibility to care for a child, family members, or other	7.56%	916	7.30%	907	-0.26
5	Employment hours/scheduling	9.60%	1163	11.11%	1381	1.51
6	Transportation	4.84%	586	6.37%	791	1.53
7	Distance from campus	6.33%	767	7.87%	978	1.54
8	Preference for online instruction	9.65%	1169	9.84%	1223	0.19
9	Lack of motivation	4.32%	523	4.24%	527	-0.08
10	Fear of bias/harassment/discrimination	1.63%	198	2.19%	272	0.56
11	Campus safety measures/protocols related to COVID-19	12.50%	1515	10.52%	1307	-1.98
12	On or off campus housing availability*	1.44%	174	2.43%	302	0.99
13	Other	0.99%	120	2.16%	269	1.17
	Total	100%	12119	100%	12426	

\*Response option revised in second reopening survey to include off-campus housing availability

**Highlights**

- The top factors respondents indicated that would deter them from returning to campus are concern about the health of someone close to them related to COVID-19, and concern about their personal health related to COVID-19. However, the percentage of respondents who selected those options declined over five percentage points compared to responses from March.
- The percentage of respondents who indicated they do not foresee any factors that would deter them from returning to campus increased by over three percentage points compared to March.

**Q5 - Which of the following statements best describes your overall feeling about returning to campus in Fall 2021?**

#	Answer	Final March results*		Final May results	
		%	Count	%	Count
1	I will return to campus in person under any circumstances.	N/A	N/A	23.61%	990
2	I will return based on whatever safeguards the campus has in place in accordance with CDPH or CDC guidelines.	N/A	N/A	56.10%	2353
3	I will not return to campus in person under any circumstances	N/A	N/A	20.29%	851
	Total	N/A	N/A	100.00%	4194

*\*Not applicable; revised question and response options in second reopening survey*

**Highlight**

- About 8 out of 10 respondents would return to campus in Fall 2021. Over 56% would return based on whatever safeguards the campus has in place in accordance with California Department of Health (CDPH) or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, and about 24% would return under any circumstances.

**Q6 - Please tell us about your COVID-19 vaccine status:**

#	Answer	Final March results*		Final May results	
		%	Count	%	Count
1	I am fully vaccinated	N/A	N/A	49.16%	2073
2	I plan to get fully vaccinated before the Fall 2021 semester	N/A	N/A	18.14%	765
3	I have a possible medical or religious reason for exemption	N/A	N/A	4.51%	190
4	I do not plan to get vaccinated	N/A	N/A	14.54%	613
5	I prefer not to respond	N/A	N/A	11.67%	492
6	Other, please specify	N/A	N/A	1.99%	84
	Total	N/A	N/A	100.00%	4217

*\*Not applicable; new question in second reopening survey*

**Highlight**

- Nearly half of respondents indicated they are fully vaccinated and 18% plan to get fully vaccinated before the Fall 2021 semester. Over 19% of respondents do not plan to get vaccinated due to medical, religious or personal reasons.