

Fall 2021 Reopening Survey Report: Undergraduate Respondents

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.

Survey responses in this report are filtered for undergraduate students. Nursing online respondents are excluded from the survey results.

A total of 10,395 undergraduate students were successfully emailed the survey; 3,768 students completed or partially completed the survey, for an adjusted response rate of 36.3%.

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

Q1 - If Stanislaus County remained in the red tier at the start of the Fall 2021 semester, how comfortable would you feel coming to campus for each of the following: (Please see <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/> for more information.)

#	Question	Extremely uncomfortable		Moderately uncomfortable		Slightly uncomfortable		Slightly comfortable		Moderately comfortable		Extremely comfortable		Total
1	Face-to-face instruction	35.17%	1323	17.60%	662	10.87%	409	9.78%	368	11.91%	448	14.67%	552	3762
2	Using study spaces	28.00%	1052	18.23%	685	13.57%	510	13.12%	493	12.08%	454	14.99%	563	3757
3	Attending/participating in campus events	43.07%	1618	16.21%	609	11.31%	425	8.81%	331	8.84%	332	11.76%	442	3757
4	Meeting with student support staff (i.e., advisors, tutors, etc.)	17.98%	675	15.10%	567	15.63%	587	16.51%	620	16.43%	617	18.35%	689	3755

Highlights

- 52.8% are extremely or moderately uncomfortable with face-to-face instruction in the red tier; 26.6% are extremely or moderately comfortable with face-to-face instruction in the red tier
- 59.3% are extremely or moderately uncomfortable with attending/participating in campus events in the red tier; 20.6% are extremely or moderately comfortable with attending/participating in campus events in the red tier

Q2 - If Stanislaus County remained in the orange tier at the start of the Fall 2021 semester, how comfortable would you feel coming to campus for each of the following: (Please see <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/> for more information.)

#	Question	Extremely uncomfortable	Moderately uncomfortable	Slightly uncomfortable	Slightly comfortable	Moderately comfortable	Extremely comfortable	Total
1	Face-to-face instruction	22.88% 834	20.00% 729	12.76% 465	11.55% 421	14.38% 524	18.44% 672	3645
2	Using study spaces	18.43% 671	19.81% 721	14.86% 541	13.87% 505	15.30% 557	17.72% 645	3640
3	Attending/participating in campus events	28.19% 1027	20.61% 751	14.52% 529	10.73% 391	11.09% 404	14.85% 541	3643
4	Meeting with student support staff (i.e., advisors, tutors, etc.)	13.44% 489	14.67% 534	14.43% 525	16.76% 610	19.62% 714	21.08% 767	3639

Highlights

- 42.9% are extremely or moderately uncomfortable with face-to-face instruction in the orange tier; 32.8% are extremely or moderately comfortable with face-to-face instruction in the orange tier
- 48.8% are extremely or moderately uncomfortable with attending/participating in campus events in the orange tier; 25.9% are extremely or moderately comfortable with attending/participating in campus events in the orange tier

Q3 - If Stanislaus County remained in the yellow tier at the start of the Fall 2021 semester, how comfortable would you feel coming to campus for each of the following: (Please see <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/> for more information.)

#	Question	Extremely uncomfortable		Moderately uncomfortable		Slightly uncomfortable		Slightly comfortable		Moderately comfortable		Extremely comfortable		Total
1	Face-to-face instruction	12.39%	446	12.52%	451	15.11%	544	14.63%	527	17.83%	642	27.52%	991	3601
2	Using study spaces	9.86%	355	12.61%	454	15.28%	550	16.23%	584	18.37%	661	27.65%	995	3599
3	Attending/participating in campus events	14.86%	535	15.72%	566	16.83%	606	15.88%	572	13.86%	499	22.85%	823	3601
4	Meeting with student support staff (i.e., advisors, tutors, etc.)	8.30%	298	9.35%	336	11.92%	428	16.01%	575	22.69%	815	31.74%	1140	3592

Highlights

- 24.9% are extremely or moderately uncomfortable with face-to-face instruction in the yellow tier; 45.4% are extremely or moderately comfortable with face-to-face instruction in the yellow tier
- 30.6% are extremely or moderately uncomfortable with attending/participating in campus events in the yellow tier; 36.7% are extremely or moderately comfortable with attending/participating in campus events in the yellow tier

Q4 - What would be your preferred method for course delivery in Fall 2021?

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

Highlight

- Of those that responded, 46.4% preferred virtual/online courses and 25.8% preferred face-to-face instruction for fall 2021.

Q5 - 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 advising, career services, tutoring, etc.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	I would prefer to access these services virtually in Fall 2021.	32.99%	1168
2	I would prefer to access some of these services virtually and access others face-to-face in Fall 2021.	39.52%	1399
3	I would prefer to access all student services face-to-face in Fall 2021.	21.33%	755
4	I have no preference.	6.16%	218
	Total	100%	3540

Highlight

- If students returned to campus for face-to-face courses for fall 2021, 39.5% would prefer to access some student services virtually and access others face-to-face.

Q6 - What factors would potentially deter you from returning to campus in Fall 2021? (Select all that apply.)

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Concern about my personal health related to COVID-19	18.30%	2218
2	Concern about the health of someone close to me related to COVID-19	18.49%	2241
3	Responsibility to care for a child, family members, or other	7.56%	916
4	Employment hours/scheduling	9.60%	1163
5	Transportation	4.84%	586
6	Distance from campus	6.33%	767
7	Preference for online instruction	9.65%	1169
8	Lack of motivation	4.32%	523
9	Fear of bias/harassment/discrimination	1.63%	198
10	Campus safety measures/protocols related to COVID-19	12.50%	1515
11	I do not foresee any factors that would deter me from returning to campus	4.37%	529
12	On-campus housing availability	1.44%	174
13	Other	0.99%	120
	Total	100%	12119

Other factors

The number of people in classes

will not return if the vaccine is mandatory.

Graduating this semester

poor mask wearing

Nothing will deter me

Financials

I'm afraid of the idea that if you hit the vaccine, everything will be solved. As a result, some people take off their masks and act. (Of course, I know that many people don't.) I'm afraid of the difference in case fatality rate from my area due to COVID.

Online classes make me NOT want to attend college

others not complying with covid-19 protocols.

i might not be enrolled if CSU Stanislaus raises tuition again for online classes.

Simply my family, my parents are a bit on the older side and risking them is my one detterance.

Professors lack of compassion and concern of students lives due to the pandemic and having no empathy towards them

California's county risk levels: Purple/Red tier

Potential resurgence of virus/emergence of virus variants

Not comfortable being around other students who are not vaccinated

I used to live at The Vista and had moved back home last year during spring break, it has been a financial struggle and with the campus opening up for face to face classes it would be difficult to commute back and forth.

If classes are held in small rooms with many people.

I am Asian and afraid of covid 19 and Discrimination

I am graduating this semester

None

until COVID is completely behind us, we should not consider reopening in person courses. If we cannot count on seeing our friends and family by fall, then why are we counting on seeing a teacher or fellow student? You have great online resources that work for many even better than in person courses. Utilize that investment.

My mother works at a nursing home so me contracting covid-19 from on campus interaction is definitely a no because I can't risk the lives of the people and sleep comfortably at night

If the campus stays completally online I would skip a semester

Too many students in one room at a time, there are walking positive covid people everywhere

As a disabled student who lives 30 minutes away and cannot currently drive myself, the accessibility of online school has been a blessing in disguise.

anxiety of being around others

I am a care giver to my elderly mother and my 5yo daughter. I am currently sheltering in place for due to health concerns of my mom and my own.

Having to wear a mask all day when on campus.

Online school or mass maskage. I'd like my senior year to be a real college experience, and a major part of that involves seeing people's faces

No having housing , moved back home during the pandemic

COVID-19

Inability to get classes I need

I am a diabetic and concern about it

People not taking the precautions that my personal family does. I lost family from covid and would prefer to not to lose anymore.

Housing!!!

If everyone is vaccinated by fall, I don't see why we shouldn't go back. But if things take a turn for the worse in the pandemic, it's better to stay online.

I would really, really, and furthermore really, not like to pay for our ridiculous campus parking A)while i'm putting my parents at risk (however small) b)when i will only be attending class on an awkward basis 3)When I could do the same work at home without the concern surrounding hygiene/spacing/breathing/ect

nothing. i want to come to campus

Online instruction with in class labs for Nursing students

Financial reasons

Easy access to learning from home

Students/Staff actually following the protocols.

Anxiety of going to a new school where I am unfamiliar with the campus

night class availability

Trust me, online classes are horrible and supper packed with assignments. Face-to-face is probably best

I have moved too far to commute to school. Would like to finish my last year virtually

My family and my well-being and health, many students do not take care of themselves like my family and I have been doing so. I don't find it fair that my family and I stay safe and someone can go to school not caring and get me sick.

None. Can commute

Fear of people not following Covid-19 Safety Rules or Guidelines

Fear of people not wanting to follow covid safety protocols

having to meet for something that is not class.

If students areas, sports, and gym are closed

You people do not enforce masks enough for me.

Some of my family has been hit by COVID and I have much bigger priorities than caring about re-opening. I'd rather be virtual.

deer season

Mask mandates

Vaccine- students should have it

Classes are more easily available online while working full time

Financial

Mostly Covid19 related

I will not get the vaccine if it is required to be on campus

We need to wait more to ensure protection for everyone. Our campus is composed of enclosed rooms with little to no outdoor windows for air and small window for classes to be throughly clean and sanitize.

Moving again

Transferring out of state because 2020-2021 COVID measures were unnecessary and wasted my learning potential.

I have caught COVID and I would hate to infect anyone

I would be concerned of the mental impact many students and staff have suffered through this pandemic. Many may need help and may not seek it due to shame or their new normal selves.

my goals and dreams for the future

sadness

Non-vaccinated students and staff

i live three hours away. my biggest fear is moving back to school and not having access to anything when i could just stay home and keep doing online classes

there is variants. i would sue if you forced us to go back and i got sick.

If the Department of Music will not be offering any face-to-face instruction

How close protocols are applied to CDC guidelines. Spread out classes would be fine, but not a 50 person class who are shoulder to shoulder

Lack of progress in student vaccinations

I do not think it will be safe to reopen unless everyone has had a vaccine

changes in format last minute, for example classes are supposed to be fully online and end up being face to face

I am overall not that worried about returning to on campus as long as we are given the options to either attend online or in-person, along with steady vaccination disbursements.

Being forced to vaccinate.

Having to say something/report if students or staff don't take masks/protocol seriously

Access to health services

Not allowed to get the vaccine by medical request so it's concerning to be around "herd" immunity so quickly

I am extremely worried about getting my relatives sick since they have pre-existing health conditions. If I got them sick then that would make me feel extremely guilty and I would have to live with that for the rest of my life.

Chronic illness

My distance from campus and work schedule can make it difficult to attend class in-person; however, I do value in-class courses more than over the internet.

I recommend for Fall 2021 to stay online. We should stay online for at least one more semester to make sure that everything is settled. Just like the cases or going down, they can spike up right away. I'm worried for my family. I don't want to get them infected.

Worried about how classrooms will be cleaned constantly

No place to live I am not local and there are no leasing opportunities

Paying for parking pass

Regardless if cases in Stanislaus county are low, it's a commuter school, bringing people from several other counties. These people could transfer the virus to others.

With as many strains of this disease as there are, going back to face to face in a crowded area like a school is only going to trigger a relapse in the number of new cases.

If we do not return for fall 2021, I will be seeking a transfer to a school who will let me attend face to face classes

I have to be vaccinated in order to feel comfortable coming to campus.

Having to wear a mask

The cleaning and responsibility of other students taking appropriate actions to keep everyone safe

none it was all political

virus variants.

I feel as though spring 2022 would be a better option to return to campus

Living arrangements outside of campus

I don't trust other students will be safe in their own time and that would risk me getting sick even if I'm being safe.

Societal responsibility to not spread COVID-19

preference for face to face instruction

Returning to campus is a big deal for me, and to the new freshman and incoming freshman. I didn't get to finish freshman year nor did I get to meet people and COVID really closed these doors even more. When I return I'd be considered a 3rd year student, but I feel as though, no matter my age, I will return with the mindset of a 1st year student. Unfortunately I don't know what the right answer is, I

currently am in process of contemplating attending a total of 5 years rather than 4, as I just don't feel personally prepared for virtually anything. I see myself as lucky in the way I have to come to view aspects of my life and personal aspirations, but I'm being held back and feel as though I require more guidance before completely fending on my own.

The personal responsibility of other people on campus to abide by the rules.

None. I want to go back to school

Very lifeless out here with no gym and getting anything fun taken away because it's not 200% covid safe though everyone follows covid protocol

I am a Kines major- if we can't learn the hands-on portion of the major and classes, I can stay home. Save me the money of moving back.

I have not applied for housing due to the uncertainty of returning to campus. If there are plans to be in person in the fall I would love to know soon! Thank you!

army

gas prices

mental health

I am incredibly immunocompromised and even with mandates in place, people can't respect them in day to day life. A campus would be no different- people would refuse to wear masks, wear them incorrectly, and attend while ill anyway. Way too dangerous.

Paying full price for parking

My issue is if we start in person and then overreact to some positive cases and put people on 10-14 day lockdowns. The virus is not that big of a deal, do not overreact to cases, they will happen just like the common cold each winter.

not having face to face classes

Highlight

- The top three 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, concern about their personal health related to COVID-19, and campus safety measures/protocols related to COVID-19.

Q7 - Please indicate whether you would return to campus under the following circumstances.

#	Question	Definitely not	Probably not	Might or might not	Probably yes	Definitely yes	Total
1	I will not return to campus in person under any circumstances	29.10% 998	17.32% 594	31.64% 1085	12.45% 427	9.48% 325	3429
2	I will only return if a vaccination is required to be on campus	22.22% 764	11.72% 403	23.44% 806	21.29% 732	21.32% 733	3438
3	I will return if the vaccination rate is above average	8.26% 283	7.88% 270	24.55% 841	31.15% 1067	28.15% 964	3425
4	I will return if the vaccination rate is average	10.86% 370	15.64% 533	32.04% 1092	25.12% 856	16.34% 557	3408
5	I will return if the vaccination rate is below average	27.99% 950	25.55% 867	25.87% 878	10.05% 341	10.55% 358	3394
6	I will only return if social distancing, hand-washing, face-covering guidelines, and temperature checks are enforced	10.47% 359	8.37% 287	20.88% 716	28.58% 980	31.70% 1087	3429
7	I will return based on whatever safeguards the campus has in place	9.28% 317	10.28% 351	30.48% 1041	26.56% 907	23.40% 799	3415
8	I will return to use campus services, i.e., tutoring, advising, counseling, etc.	8.45% 289	14.59% 499	26.32% 900	25.21% 862	25.42% 869	3419
9	I will only return as needed, for example, to take an exam	14.29% 487	14.11% 481	28.25% 963	27.78% 947	15.58% 531	3409

Highlights

- 59.3% of respondents would probably or definitely return to campus if the vaccination rate is above average.
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End of Report