TODAY’S TOWN HALL IS HOSTED BY

UC San Diego Chancellor
Pradeep K. Khosla
Opening Remarks

Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Elizabeth H. Simmons
Co-Host

Chair of the San Diego Division of the Academic Senate
Tara Javidi
Co-Host

Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Robert Continetti
Panel Moderator

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TODAY’S TOWN HALL WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PANELISTS

- **James Antony**, Ph.D., Dean of the Graduate Division
- **Tara Javidi**, Ph.D., Academic Senate Chair
- **Natasha Martin**, D.Phil., Professor of Medicine
- **John Moore**, Ph.D., Dean of the Undergraduate Division
- **Alysson Satterlund**, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
- **Robert (Chip) Schooley**, M.D., Professor of Medicine
- **Angela Scioscia**, M.D., Interim Executive Director of Student Health and Well-Being
- **Jana Severson**, Director of Housing Services
- **Elizabeth H. Simmons**, Ph.D., Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
- **Terri Winbush**, Senior Director of Labor Relations & Employee Relations
CAMPUS SAFETY PROTOCOLS
Regardless of vaccination status, UC San Diego employees working on campus must **continue to mask indoors**.

- The **safety of our campus community** will guide any adjustments to campus safety protocols or operations.
- Stay up to date by visiting [returntolearn.ucsd.edu](http://returntolearn.ucsd.edu)
RETURNING TO CAMPUS
Our return to campus is being guided by:

• Safety and equity
• Operational needs of the university
• Flexibility and support
Advance notice from your VC or supervisor will be provided for any changes in current work arrangements.

Resources are available to support your successful return to campus.
Vaccines are crucial to the health and well-being of our entire campus community. Appointments are available at the Price Center COVID-19 Vaccination Site.

UC San Diego Health offers a verifiable digital vaccine record known as a SMART health card to its patients who have or will receive a COVID-19 vaccine.
NEW CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES PER DAY, NOV 2021

ROBERT (CHIP) SCHOOLEY, M.D., Professor of Medicine

**Cumulative Cases**
- Global: 262,720,061
- US: 48,540,540
- California: 5,083,457
- San Diego Cty: 382,450

**Cumulative Deaths**
- Global: 5,214,810
- US: 780,088
- California: 74,473
- San Diego: 4,325

Data: Johns Hopkins University CSSE / CCI; Updated: 11.30.2021
THE OMICRON VARIANT

ROBERT (CHIP) SCHOOLEY, M.D., Professor of Medicine

- First detected in South Africa and Botswana on November 23
  - Declared Variant of Concern on November 27
  - Has since spread globally at astounding speed
- Novel biological properties
  - Multiple mutations in the spike protein that make it much less susceptible to vaccine-induced immunity or immunity from infection with previously circulating strains
  - Mutations in non-structural proteins that enable it to deprogram the innate immune response
  - Grows more efficiently in the upper airway and less efficiently in the lungs than prior strains
    - More transmissible and less pathogenic than prior strains
NEW CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES PER DAY, JAN 2022

ROBERT (CHIP) SCHOOLEY, M.D., Professor of Medicine

Cumulative Cases
Global: 297,651,728
US: 57,702,377
California: 5,809,675
San Diego Cty: 465,607

Cumulative Deaths
Global: 5,464,859
US: 832,811
California: 76,760
San Diego: 4,495

Data: Johns Hopkins University CSSE / CNT: Updated: 01/05/2022
WHAT HAPPENED TO OMICRON IN SOUTH AFRICA?

ROBERT (CHIP) SCHOOLEY, M.D., Professor of Medicine

Dec 6, 2021
New cases: 6,381
7-day avg: 10,628

Johns Hopkins CSSE 1.2.2022
OMICRON CAUSES LESS SEVERE DISEASE & VACCINATION/BOOSTING FURTHER DECREASES RISK

ROBERT (CHIP) SCHOOLEY, M.D., Professor of Medicine

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UK Health Security Agency Technical Briefing 12.31.2021
OMICRON VARIANT NOW DOMINANT STRAIN IN SAN DIEGO

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Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant

Karthikeyan, Knight, Laurent, Birmingham, Fisch and others
SAN DIEGO COUNTY CASES & HOSPITALIZATIONS

ROBERT (CHIP) SCHOOLEY, M.D., Professor of Medicine

Daily San Diego County SARS CoV-2 Diagnoses

1/4 new cases: 8,204

San Diego County SARS CoV-2 Hospitalizations

1/3: 750

As of 1/5

Epidemiology/Exposure

- Case Rate: Greater than 1 per 100,000 population
- New Cases: 8,204

Healthcare Hospitalization

- Hospitalized: 77% of cases
- ICU Capacity: 93.7% of capacity available
- Ventilation Capacity: 98% of capacity available
- PPE Supply: 98% of supply available

Public Health (Response)

- Testing Positive: 12.0%
- Contact Tracing: 93.7%
- Contact Tracing: 33%

San Diego County SARS CoV-2 Hospitalizations

Percentage of Positive COVID-19 Cases Among Tests by Date Reported

Total Number of Cases = 465,607
Total cases last 7 Days

399 students residing on campus
863 students residing off campus in SD area
459 campus employees

Cumulative Cases since Winter 2022 instructional term start (January 3, 2022)

- Students diagnosed at UC San Diego: 849
  - 259 living on campus
  - 590 living off campus in SD area
- Additional students reported to UC San Diego: 0
  - 0 living on campus
  - 0 living off campus in SD area
- Campus employees diagnosed at UC San Diego: 321
  - 1,381 total since March 1, 2020
- Additional campus employees reported to UC San Diego: 0
  - 121 total since October 1, 2020

Student Daily Tests

- Students: 3,980 tests

Student New Cases

Campus Employees Daily Tests and Cases

- Employees: 1,773 tests
County 1/5: 17.9%
Students 1/5: 9.5%
Employees 1/5: 6.6%

On campus students: 935/100k
Off campus students: 486/100k
Campus employees: 349/100k
COUNTY: 191/100K
SARS COV-2 RNA IN POINT LOMA WASTEWATER

NATASHA MARTIN, D.Phil., Professor of Medicine

Karthikeyan, Knight, Laurent, Birmingham, Fisch and others
SAN DIEGO COUNTY COVID-19 SCENARIO PROJECTIONS
1/4/22: HIGH VACCINE ESCAPE SCENARIO

NATASHA MARTIN, D.Phil., Professor of Medicine

### COVID-19 hospitalizations

- **Data**: Various scenarios with different behavior changes and lengths of stay (LOS) for hospitalizations.
- **Legend**:
  - No behavior change, Omicron LOS 5d (no ICU), 17d(ICU)
  - No behavior change, Omicron LOS 4d (no ICU), 12d (ICU)
  - No behavior change, Omicron LOS 3d (no ICU), 10d (ICU)
  - 20% reduced contacts after 1/1, LOS 5d (no ICU), 17d(ICU)

### New Diagnoses

- **Data**: Various scenarios with different behavior changes and lengths of stay (LOS) for new diagnoses.
- **Legend**:
  - No behavior change
  - 20% reduced contacts after 1/1
UC SAN DIEGO STUDENT CASES BASED ON COUNTY PROJECTIONS

NATASHA MARTIN, D.Phil., Professor of Medicine

Jan 16 Return

Jan 30 Return

*Assumes no change in # of students off-campus.
*Extrapolates from community case rates
BOOSTER ELIGIBILITY

ANGELA SCIoscIA, M.D., Interim Executive Director of Student Health and Well-Being

- Pfizer or Moderna – 6 months after completing initial series
- Johnson and Johnson or AstraZeneca – 2 months after vaccination
- Sinopharm, Sinovac or Covishield – now
  - Also consider second mRNA boost
- Immunocompromised – speak with provider
One is considered “FULLY VACCINATED” when:

- It has been 7 days since a booster dose; OR
- One has received the initial vaccination dose(s) and is not yet eligible for a booster.

One is considered “NOT FULLY VACCINATED” when:

- It has been fewer than 7 days since a booster dose; OR
- One has received a complete initial vaccine series and IS eligible for a booster, but has not yet received a booster; OR
- One has received an incomplete initial vaccine series; OR
- One has received NO vaccine doses.
TESTING REQUIREMENTS

ANGELA SCIOSCIA, M.D., Interim Executive Director of Student Health and Well-Being

- If you are unvaccinated OR if you are vaccinated and eligible for a booster but have not boosted OR boosted less than 7 days ago
  - Twice-weekly testing is required (every 3-5 days)
- If you are boosted OR vaccinated and not yet eligible for a booster
  - Weekly testing is encouraged
- Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, should test immediately if they develop COVID-19 symptoms
- Test for positive wastewater in the building you work or live in
- HOWEVER: If you have had COVID-19 in the past 90 days you should NOT test and you are exempt from these testing requirements.
  - If you have new symptoms within 90 days speak with your provider about testing
BOOSTERS AND UCOP COVID MANDATE

ANGELA SCIOSCIA, M.D., Interim Executive Director of Student Health and Well-Being

- Receiving a booster is when eligible is required under the mandate
- Deadline for compliance: January 31st
- After becoming eligible – time to meet the mandate
  - HealthCare Workers – 15 days
  - Campus Employees and Students – 30 days
- Current approved exemptions cover boosters
ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS

ANGELA SCIOSCIA, M.D., Interim Executive Director of Student Health and Well-Being

- CDPH requirement – 10 days of isolation
- UNLESS
  - Without a fever and symptoms are gone or resolving AND
  - A negative test (Rapid Antigen preferred) after day 5 AND
  - Mask around others for the complete 10 day period
QUARANTINE

ANGELA SCIOSCIA, M.D., Interim Executive Director of Student Health and Well-Being

● Boosted or vaccinated and not yet eligible for a booster
  ○ Test upon notification and day 5 after exposure
  ○ Mask around others for 10 days

● Unvaccinated or vaccinated and eligible for a booster but not boosted
  ○ Stay at home for 10
  ○ Mask around others
  ○ Test upon notification and day 5
    ■ If day 5 test is negative and NO symptoms may end quarantine but continue to mask for the 10 days
STUDENT RETURN

ANGELA SCIOSCIA, M.D., Interim Executive Director of Student Health and Well-Being

ON CAMPUS
- Encouraging Undergraduates to delay return until later in the month
  - HDH providing a housing credit for delayed returns
- Perform a self-administered rapid antigen test 24-48 hours before returning – is positive isolate in place
- Upon arrival all students complete a PCR test regardless of vaccination status

OFF CAMPUS
- If outside of San Diego County encourage a self-administered Rapid Antigen test 24-48 hours before returning and PCR upon arrival back to SD
- If in San Diego County PCR 24-48 hours before coming back campus
CAMPUS HOUSING UPDATES

JANA SEVERSON, Director of Housing Services

- Undergraduate students encouraged to return to campus in a staggered arrival
- Rapid tests offered via mail in advance of return
- PCR testing on arrival
- Check in at vending sites with Triton Health Ambassadors
- Graduate housing remains open throughout the year without operational changes
- Additional isolation beds have been secured at local hotel
- HDH Dining is currently operating on a to-go only model
The Academic Senate’s Educational Policy Committee granted a limited-term exception to the Policy on Distance Education Courses on January 6th for Winter 2022.

After the mandated remote instruction period:
- Instructors have flexibility to make decisions about instructional format
- Remote/in-person instruction allowed but not required
  - The Senate supports a return to the optimal in-person instructional modality for those courses/instructors that most need it as soon as public health measures allow, BUT
  - No formal approvals are needed for instructors to offer courses in a mixed modality (remote/in-person) or remote modality for the remainder of the quarter
- Decisions are focused on **flexibility** to maintain and balance educational continuity in courses, adopt inclusive practices, and take instructors’ and students’ personal risk assessment into account
RETURN TO CAMPUS

TERRI WINBUSH, Senior Director of Labor Relations & Employee Relations

- **MAXIMUM** flexibility is strongly encouraged beyond the agreed upon Flexible or other Work Arrangements.
- Campus staff supervisors should encourage and allow remote work beyond current work arrangements if operationally feasible through January 30, 2022, but no one should be required to be remote.
- If work can *only be* performed in person, then it should continue.
- Remember our foundational principles of **Equity, Safety, and Innovation**.
RETURN TO CAMPUS

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● For employees who need to be onsite, they are **required** to test their first day onsite.

● Rapid tests are allowed for the initial screening to enter work, but must be followed by a UCSD PCR test through the vending machine, Price Center or drive-up locations.

● Remember new asymptomatic testing requirements (unless PCR positive test <90 days):
  ○ if **unboosted** (or not yet eligible), 2x weekly testing (every 3-5 days);
  ○ if **boosted**, you may and are encouraged to test weekly.

● In-person meetings should be limited to the greatest extent possible. If an in-person meeting is necessary, a Zoom option is required, continuous masking is required and no eating or drinking is allowed.
REMOTE STUDENT EXPERIENCE RESOURCES

ALYSSON SATTERLUND, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

- Campus Zoom Spaces
- Virtual Student Union
- Student Retention and Success
- Three’s Company Program
- Mental Health and Well-Being
- Student Health/CAPS
- Recreation
- Library Services
- Student Organizations
- UG College Programming
- Triton Tools & Tidbits Podcast
- Technology Lending Program
- International Students
- Triton Athletics on ESPN+
- Basic Needs Hub

Dynamic list may be found at: vcsa.ucsd.edu/news/covid-19/index.html#remote-resources
Faculty & Research Town Hall
January 13
10:30 a.m.
Co-Hosted by:
Elizabeth H. Simmons, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Corinne Peek-Asa, Vice Chancellor for Research

Go to returntolearn.ucsd.edu to register