Mu variant breaches Santa Clara County

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"This is going to be a statement on whether or not we take seriously the overlapping economic and climate change issues of our time," Armaline said. "And, frankly, if we’re not willing to make this petty downpayment on what actually needs to be invested, it’s a real signal to us as to what we’re dealing with.

While the resolution aims to create a "temporary permanent status for qualified immigrants," it also includes border security measures and investments in the Community Violence Intervention plan, the Justice Department will allocate $11 million to its Smart Policing program, which according to the White House CVI webpage increases funding for hiring new law enforcement officers and enhancing policing.

Under the Bulen-Harris Community Violence Intervention plan, the Justice Department will allocate $11 million in competitive grants toward programs that prevent and reduce youth violence. It will also allocate $156 million to its "Cops Hiring" Program and an additional $8 million to its Smart Policing program, which assists law enforcement in using data and technology in policing, according to the same White House webpage.

Activists demand immigration rights

By Amani Hamed

San Jose State’s Human Rights Institute and many other community activist organizations led a march from Hedding and First streets to city hall Saturday morning, demanding that marginalized communities be included and prioritized in a new US $3.5 trillion spending bill.

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"[Variants] may affect COVID-19 transmission, disease severity, testing, treatment or vaccine effectiveness," a public information officer said in an email.

There are 36 confirmed cases of the mu variant in Santa Clara County as of Sunday, according to the Santa Clara Public Health COVID-19 Variant Dashboard.

Mu was first identified in Colombia in January. The World Health Organization dubbed it as a “variant of interest” on Aug. 30.
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San Jose Unified Equity Coalition. Retired this year.
resource access.
and students, a clear path to citizenship
"It's very embarrassing. It is inhumane."
for petition to stay based on their child's
Portability and Accountability Act of 1996,
to the ADA National Network website.
for disabled students in schools, according
also mandated reasonable accommodations
accommodations for disabled people in all
law that prevents discrimination against
Spanish-speaking parents navigate the

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What to know about 'mu'
• The World Health Organization (WHO) states the variant is "of interest" but isn't yet part of WHO’s list of "variants of concern.
• Most cases have been recorded in California, Florida, Texas and New York,
in more than 39 countries including the U.S., South Korea, Japan, Ecuador, Canada and parts of Europe.
• About 2,000 mu variant cases have been identified in the U.S., according to the Global Initiative on Sharing All Influenza Data, the largest database of novel coronavirus genome sequences in the world.

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Mark Wong
piano performance madness

"The delta variant has been the predominant variant since [June], and that scenario is clearly falling to the wayside with the vast majority of COVID-19 cases locally and nationally," the officer said.

In the past two weeks, the delta variant has been the predominant variant in the U.S., accounting for the vast majority of COVID-19 cases in the U.S., according to the CDC COVID Vaccine webpage.

In contrast, the mu variant has been identified in just a handful of cases, according to the CDC Covid-19 Dashboard.

As the delta variant continues to surge and mu reaches Santa Clara County, some San Jose State students say they want the university to remain more transparent about the new variant on campus.

"Having the information in good for people who are more afraid than others," Moralez said.

A total of 17 students and other campus affiliates have reported contracting COVID-19 in the past two weeks, according to the COVID-19 Dashboard.

"There's a lot of misinformation and confusion about delta," another student said.

"Unvaccinated individuals remain more vulnerable to infection and spread, according to the CDC Vaccine webpage.

"We're absolutely important to be able to stand side by side with our community, our greater community to fight for worker rights, to fight for immigrant rights, to ensure that there's comprehensive immigration for all, especially in light of the refugees that are coming into our community," Guzman said in an interview.

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Chicanx/Latinx center welcomes community

By Sandra Santos-Cruz

The Chicanx/Latino Student Success Center welcomed San Jose State community members to a night of “knowledge, care and trust” — true to Hispanic cultural values despite distance-learning and an ongoing pandemic.

La Bienvenida, meaning “The Welcome,” took place Wednesday afternoon on the eve of “El Grito” in preparation of Mexican Independence Day, which also marks the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month. “El Grito de Dolores” otherwise known as “El Grito de Independencia,” by Father Miguel Hidalgo marks the revolutionary independence of Mexico in 1810. Hidalgo was a well-educated priest stationed in Dolores, Guanajuato, where he began the revolt against the monarchy of Spain, according to his biography supplemented by People of Mexican descent who live across the U.S. border celebrate this commemoration to show patriotism, but over the years, they ended up divided among two cultures and two nations.

Bladelene Barrera, Chicanx and Chicano studies professor and vice provost for faculty success, said she moved from Dolores to San Mateo and was excited that he could attend the virtual event.

“Pornaro said it’s great to live in such a diverse and broad environment because his hometown of Oroville was too small to grow culturally. As a first-generation college student, he feels welcomed within the Chicano department.

“I am glad that all of my classes are in person,” he said. “I don’t think it would have been able to get the full college experience if I continued at home.”

Online events usually can’t fully group the essence of a traditional event, where people can appreciate each other’s company and presence. This wasn’t the case for La Bienvenida. Program coordinator Eliba Arroyo said El Centro is a space where students can build a community of leadership and support, so it’s important for students to have a welcome event every semester.

Validation, respect and vivacious encouraging spirit flow directly from the electronic screen. Messages after messages were submitted as letters to the editor. Other students, according to a College Factual 2021 diversity report, “be extra” and proudly represent their heritage regardless of obstacles.

“Rodriguez Alvarez, Chicano studies professor, keynote speaker and poet, shared her poetic speech to the group. “We remember that we have the power to reshape those mainstream narratives that are stacked against us. And then, in spite of those narratives, we persevere because of who we are and where we come from.”

La Bienvenida turned completely virtual where people could interact on Zoom Wednesday afternoon on “The Welcome,” took place via Zoom. About 80 attendees joined a room to embrace the close-knit center. La Bienvenida turned completely silent as Professor Rodriguez Alvarez, keynote speaker and poet, shared her poetic speech to the group. “We remember that we have the power to reshape those mainstream narratives that are stacked against us.” She said. “And then, in spite of those narratives, we persevere because of who we are and where we come from.”

Revolution marks the revolutionary independence of Mexico in 1810.
Anti-parasitic agent creates controversy

Unvaccinated individuals need to stop trying vaccine alternatives

Evon Reinhart
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Anti-vaccination conspiracy theorists continue to drag society down by ignoring pertinent science and urging people to take action in favor of dangerous misinformation. It is the responsibility of public health experts and medical professionals to emphasize the need for everyone to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

“Unvaccinated individuals are following a trend started by one man and are the majority group,” Reinhart said. “This is a major problem that needs to be addressed.”

Reinhart points out that unvaccinated individuals are the ones responsible for the spread of COVID-19, and that they could be harming those who are vaccinated by unknowingly transmitting the virus. It is essential for individuals to take responsibility for their actions and to get vaccinated to protect themselves and others.

“People who are unvaccinated have a selfish mindset in many individuals. Getting vaccinated is important for protecting those around us and contributing to the overall health of society,” Reinhart said. “We must continue to prioritize vaccination to ensure the safety of our health care workers and others who are vulnerable to COVID-19.”

However, some individuals are choosing to ignore the evidence and continue spreading misinformation about vaccine safety and efficacy. Reinhart said it’s important for people to trust medical experts and prioritize the well-being of their communities.

“Unvaccinated individuals need to stop trying vaccine alternatives and follow the advice of medical professionals,” Reinhart said. “We need to prioritize vaccination and encourage others to do the same.”