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News

Preparing for Spring 2022

Cal Poly Pomona is preparing for primarily in-person classes for spring semester. About 77 percent of classes are scheduled to have an in-person component. The campus will continue to prioritize health and safety, and our plan includes the vaccine requirement, exemptions and weekly public health testing. [Read the entire message from Interim Provost Iris Levine.](#)

Vaccine Mandate Goes into Effect in LA County

Last week, LA County implemented new vaccination requirements for outdoor mega events, bars, breweries, wineries and distilleries. Attendees must provide proof of at least one dose of vaccination. Additional vaccine requirements go into effect in November for patrons and employees. (This does not apply to the campus' Innovation Brew Works, which operates as a restaurant.) In addition, the City of Los Angeles approved a new ordinance requiring proof of vaccination to enter indoor restaurants, shopping malls, movie theaters and many other indoor venues. Learn more about the [LA County requirements](#) and [LA City requirements](#).

Good News in COVID-19 Data

The downward trend county-wide in COVID-19 cases, testing positivity rates, deaths and hospitalizations is encouraging. It shows that health and safety measures, including face coverings, vaccines and additional testing are making a positive impact in the region. As we enter flu season, we should all remain vigilant and continue to follow health protocols. To see the latest data, visit LA County's dashboards on [cases](#) and [vaccinations](#).

Vaccine Deadline for Students

By Sept. 30, all students were required to take [one of four actions to meet the Cal Poly Pomona COVID-19 vaccine requirement](#). As a result of promoting the wellbeing of all members of our community through an educational and equity-minded approach, more than 91 percent of students have completed this. Students who remain non-compliant will continue to be contacted by the Dean of Students outlining corrective action. Those who feel that an error has occurred (e.g. they have completed the requirement) should contact the Health Center by emailing health@cpp.edu.

"CPP continues to work with students who are not in compliance, address their concerns, direct them to resources, and hold them accountable. As we think about next semester and beyond, it will be important for all of us to continue working collaboratively, provide feedback, communicate regularly and with clarity, and approach our work with empathy, care, equity, and love," said Jonathan Grady, Ph.D., Associate Vice President and Dean of Students.

To-Do List

Due Oct. 13: Student Organization Events Best Practices Acknowledgment

As mentioned in an [email memo on September 29](#), presidents and schedulers for every club and/or organization at Cal Poly Pomona must complete the [Student Organization Events Best Practices Acknowledgment form](#).

Fight Flu Together

Health experts anticipate that both the flu and COVID-19 will be spreading during fall and winter, and both can cause serious illness. The best way to protect yourself and our community is to get a flu immunization, in addition to the COVID-19 vaccine. Flu shots are widely available at local pharmacies, medical offices, and free or low-cost clinics. Visit [LA County Health](#) to find resources and see a list of upcoming clinics.

Freebie Friday!

Get a dining deal when you come to campus on any Friday in October and complete the Health Screener. Show your Health Screener approval email and checkmark from that day to get the deal:

- \$1 off any boba at Lollicup
- Free drink with a footlong at Subway or entrée at Qdoba
- Free craft soda with entrée purchase at Innovation Brew Works
- \$1 off a meal at CenterPointe

FYI Only

Pfizer Booster Dose

California is providing the Pfizer booster shot to eligible individuals. According to [LA County Public Health](#), individuals must have received the second of the two-dose Pfizer vaccine series at least 6 months ago and are either:

- People aged 65 years or older
- Residents of long-term care facilities
- People aged 18 to 64 years with high institutional or occupational risk, including healthcare workers, first responders, teachers and day care staff, grocery workers, and workers in homeless shelters or prisons

Although the Pfizer booster is not presently a CSU requirement, Cal Poly Pomona employees and student employees are eligible as they are part of the education sector. Visit [LA County Public Health](#) and [California Department of Public Health](#) for more information and FAQs. [Search for a vaccine clinic in LA County](#) or visit [My Turn](#) for locations throughout the state.

Required Public Health Testing for COVID-19

Cal Poly Pomona's [Public Health Testing Site at the CLA Paseo](#) will continue to offer COVID-19 tests to students and employees throughout fall semester. Required to test:

- Individuals with medical or religious exemption to COVID-19 vaccination
- Individuals who are partially vaccinated (only one dose of Pfizer or Moderna)
- Individuals whose vaccination record is not verified via MyHealthPortal

If you come to campus anytime during the week (Sunday through Saturday), you must test that week (Monday through Friday). If you do not come to campus in a given week, you will not be required to test. To make an appointment, go to [MyHealthPortal](#).

Voluntary Testing for COVID-19

Students and employees can voluntarily test for COVID-19 at the campus' [Public Health Testing Site at the CLA Paseo](#). Participants of the pilot program shared positive feedback, and many requested that it continue. Voluntary testing will continue this semester, as resources and capacity allow. To make an appointment, go to [MyHealthPortal](#).

Safer Return Virtual Town Hall

Every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m., the Safer Return Task Force hosts a [Virtual Town Hall on Zoom](#) to share what's happening and answer your questions. [Register for the Oct. 14 event and submit a question in advance.](#)

Health Screener Required

All individuals coming to campus must complete the [Health Screener](#) each time prior to coming to campus. If the screener instructs you to not come to campus, please do not come to campus. A member of the Safer Return Incident Investigation Team (our campus' version of contact tracing) will follow up with you on next steps. Check out this [flow chart](#) and [additional documentation](#) about the quarantine and isolation process.

Safer Return News

This newsletter is sent to students, faculty and staff on Wednesdays with updates from the Safer Return task force, and repopulation steering committee and working groups. Visit the [newsletter website](#) for information and submission link.

Visit Cal Poly Pomona's [Safer Return website](#) for information about the university's health & safety plan, operations during COVID-19, and roadmap for a phased Safer Return to Campus.

