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News

What You Need to Know for Fall 2022

The start of the new academic year is here. To help you prepare, here's a list of what you need to know.

- Masks are strongly recommended. Masks are a highly effective way to protect yourself and others. While masks are not required for [most indoor settings](#), they are strongly recommended. The university provides [free PPE](#) to students, faculty, staff and visitors.
- Report your symptoms and stay home. If you are experiencing symptoms or have a positive test, [complete the self-reporting form immediately](#) and do not come to campus until you have been cleared by the university's Safer Return Incident Investigation Team. If you have a close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, on or off-campus, including in your household, you can continue to come to campus, but you must wear a mask and [complete the self-reporting form immediately](#).
- Keep your hands clean. Handwashing is one of the best ways to protect yourself from getting sick. Follow the CDC's tips for [key times to wash hands](#).
- Get tested. [Free COVID-19 testing](#) is available to students, faculty and staff, Monday through Friday. Weekly testing is required for individuals who are not up to date with their shots.
- Get vaccinated and boosted. [Vaccines](#) are one of the most effective ways to prevent severe illness and death. The campus is hosting [pop-up clinics](#) in August and September.

Free COVID Testing on Campus

Starting **Aug. 25**, students, faculty and staff will no longer be able to get tested at the Student Health and Wellness Center. The campus' COVID-19 testing program is transitioning to vending machines in the Bronco Student Center (Bldg. 35) and Secoya Residence Hall (Bldg. 74). The machines in the two locations offer more flexibility for students and employees. They will be available during the following hours:

- Secoya Residence (Bldg. 74 Room 126 "Package Room"): 24 hours a day, seven days a week (Only available for students in housing)
- BSC Lyr (Bldg. 35 Room 1611D): Monday through Friday 7 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 8am – 6pm. (Open to all students, staff, and faculty)

The COVID-19 tests are free of charge for voluntary testing and required testing. Faculty, staff and students who are not up to date with the vaccines, including individuals with exemptions, are required to test weekly. If you come to campus any time during the week — Sunday through Saturday — you must complete your test by Friday of that week. For more information and to register for a test, visit the [Public Health Testing](#) webpage.

Safer Return Drop-In Zoom Session

This Thursday, **Aug. 25, at noon**, Safer Return will be hosting a [Drop-In Zoom Session](#) to provide updates on reporting cases, investigations, events, and testing. Please join us, so you know what to do when you are exposed to or test positive for COVID-19. The Safer Return Task Force will host weekly drop-in Zoom sessions every Thursday. Visit the [Virtual Town Hall webpage](#) for the schedule and Zoom link.

Safer Return is now on the ASI APP

You can now access Safer Return resources on the ASICPP App. Simply click on the CPP COVID Resources icon to gain access to testing, reporting, vaccines, and PPE! Download the ASICPP App for free on Google Play and App Store. For more information about the ASICPP App, please visit <https://asi.cpp.edu/mobile-app/>.

Safer Return Training and Acknowledgement

All staff, students, and faculty are required to complete the Safer Return Training and Acknowledgement Form. The training will provide an overview on the University's Safer Return Health and Safety Protocols and COVID-19 reporting requirements. **Staff and Faculty** can check their inbox for an email from cplearning@cpp.edu titled "Safer Return COVID-19 Acknowledgment Form," and follow the instructions provided to complete the training. **Students** can access the training by visiting [CSU Bridge](#) and follow the instructions on the site.

Fall Vaccine Clinics

The campus will host pop-up vaccine clinics [throughout the fall semester](#). From Aug 22-

24, clinics will be hosted in Sicomoro Hall (Building 73, room 124). Starting Aug. 25, vaccine clinics will be hosted in the Welcome Center (SSB 121, room 1004). The clinics will offer the Pfizer vaccine — first dose, second dose, booster or second booster. Walk-ins are accepted, but it's recommended to [make an appointment](#). Everyone who gets a vaccine can receive free snacks. Task Force members will also be on hand to answer questions about exemptions and compliance.

CSU Requires Vaccine Booster

All students and employees accessing the campus and university programs are required to be up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines and booster dose(s) when eligible. Check the [CDC's Vaccine Matrix](#) to see when you're eligible for a booster.

1. **Vaccination:** Many pharmacies offer walk-ins and/or appointments. Or come to one of the campus' [pop-up clinics](#).
2. **Upload:** After getting the shot, upload a photo of your vaccine card to [MyHealthPortal](#).
3. **Verification:** Verification takes about 3 to 5 business days. Check your verification status in [MyHealthPortal](#) by clicking on "Medical Clearances." For technical assistance, email myhealthportal@cpp.edu.

Updated Guidelines for Events

If you're planning an event (large gathering, guest speaker, luncheon, club activity, etc.), be sure to review the updated [Safer Return guidelines](#) first. Changes include new guidelines on reservations and pre-event planning, as well as required RSVPs and Health Screenings. Visit the [Events page](#) for more details. If you have questions, email events@cpp.edu.

To-Do List

Daily Symptom Check

All students, faculty, staff and visitors coming to campus must assess their personal health and screen for possible signs of illness before coming to campus. If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, etc.), do not come to campus. Fill out the [Self-Reporting Form](#). If you have questions, email healthscreeener@cpp.edu.

Order Free At-Home Rapid Tests

All households in the United States are eligible to [order free at-home COVID-19 tests](#). The packages ship free from the U.S. Postal Service. In addition, there are other sources of free at-home test kits:

- **Medi-Cal:** Ask your pharmacist for free at-home tests with no co-pay. See [Medi-Cal instructions for getting free test kits PDF](#).
- **Medicare:** Bring your red, white and blue Medicare card to a pharmacy to get your free tests. Details at [Medicare Covers Over-the-Counter COVID-19 Tests](#).
- **Private insurance:** Insurance must pay or reimburse for 8 at-home test kits per month. Ask your insurance company for details. Find out more at [How to Get Your At-Home Over-the-Counter COVID-19 Test for Free](#).

FYI Only

Monkeypox FYI

Cal Poly Pomona is closely monitoring the developments around the monkeypox virus and will provide updates as appropriate. Monkeypox is rarely fatal and does not spread as easily or rapidly as COVID-19. The current risk of getting monkeypox in the general public is very low. To help keep yourself and others safe, please review [monkeypox symptoms and prevention methods issued by the California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#).

Monkeypox is spread by:

- Close, personal or intimate skin-to-skin or face-to-face contact
- Direct contact with the monkeypox rash, lesions, scabs or body fluids including respiratory secretions from an infected person
- Touching clothing, bedding, towels, objects or surfaces used by someone with monkeypox

Lower your risk of infection by:

- Avoiding close contact with people who have a rash or lesions that look like monkeypox
- Avoiding contact with objects and materials used by a person with monkeypox
- Washing hands often with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer

Students with questions or concerns should contact Student Health at health@cpp.edu. Faculty and staff should contact their healthcare provider.

Polio FYI

Polio is a viral infection that is virtually eliminated in the United States. The CDC is aware of a case of polio in an unvaccinated individual from New York. There is no cure for polio, but it is preventable through safe and effective [vaccination](#). Most cases have no symptoms at all, or they have very mild symptoms, including fever, headache and nausea, which go away after a few days. A minority of cases (about 3 or 4 percent) may progress and cause meningitis. In less than 1 percent of cases, polio can cause paralysis. Visit the [CDC website](#) for more information. Students with questions or concerns should contact Student Health at health@cpp.edu. Faculty and staff should contact their healthcare provider.

Authorized At-Home Tests

[The FDA lists the at-home COVID-19 tests that are authorized by the FDA](#), information on expiration dates and details on who can use the test. It's a good idea to consult this list before purchasing a test. If you see an expired test, don't throw it away just yet — consult this guide first because the FDA may have extended the expiration dates for that test.

Masks Strongly Recommended

Masks are strongly recommended but not required for indoor settings at Cal Poly

Pomona. In specific settings, including health care, masks will continue to be required, such as the Student Health Center, CAPS, vaccine clinic locations, Public Health Testing Site (when not actively testing). The university will continue to provide [medical grade surgical masks and KN95 masks](#) to all students, faculty and staff at no charge. Visit the [Face Coverings webpage](#) for best practices for masking and the specific settings where masks are still required.

Upload Your Vaccine Record

Uploading your vaccine record to [MyHealthPortal](#) takes just a few minutes. You'll need a photo or scanned copy of your vaccine card, and a computer or mobile device. [Follow these instructions to upload and verify your record](#). If you are having trouble with the system or have questions, email myhealthportal@cpp.edu.

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.

Notification of Potential Workplace Exposure: View university locations of potential workplace exposure to COVID-19. The webpage is updated every business day in compliance with AB 685.

