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## News

### Upload Booster Vaccination

The best way to protect yourself and our community from COVID-19 is to be up to date with your vaccinations. This means getting a booster shot [when you are eligible](#). The CSU recently updated the [systemwide vaccination policy](#) for students and employees to include a vaccine booster shot by Feb. 28 or six months after the final dose of original vaccination, whichever is later. (Represented employees will not be subject to disciplinary action until the CSU has completed the meet-and-confer process.) After you get your booster shot, upload a photo of your vaccine card to [MyHealthPortal](#).

### President's Message: Temporary Three-Week Move to Online Instruction

Cal Poly Pomona will move to temporary remote instruction with limited exceptions for the first three weeks of the spring semester, in light of the recent wave of infections and following guidance from LA County Public Health. The semester will begin Jan. 22 with nearly all classes meeting virtually, and in-person instruction will resume Feb. 12. The campus, offices and services will continue to be open and available for our campus community. [Read President Coley's full message](#). In addition, read the follow-up messages from [Provost Iris Levine to faculty and staff](#) and [Student Affairs VP Christina Gonzales](#) to students.

### Upgrade Your Mask

Public health officials are recommending that students, faculty and staff upgrade their masks and wear a medical grade or surgical mask, N95, KN95 or KF94, which provide enhanced protection. **In addition, all faculty and staff are required to wear a well-fitting medical grade mask, surgical mask or higher-level respirator (N95, KN95) when indoors starting Jan. 17**, according to the most recent [LA County health order](#). The university is supplying these upgraded masks for our community through supply hubs and by request.

### How Do I Get Masks and Other PPE?

PPE supplies — disposable masks, gloves and disinfectant wipes — are available in wall-mounted dispensers near the main entrances of most buildings. In addition, departments can access [PPE hubs](#). Students should ask faculty or staff if additional or specialized resources are needed. For specialized PPE, such as face shields,

department PPE designees should order via the [COVID-19 Resource Request Form](#).

**UPDATE:** Departments will receive an initial supply of 50 KN95s through campus mail for immediate use while our vendor Cintas begins stocking the supply hubs with surgical masks and KN95s in the coming week. PPE designees may request additional masks through the [COVID-19 Resource Request Form](#). Visit the [PPE webpage](#) for more information.

### **Free COVID Testing on Campus**

The [Public Health Testing Site at the CLA Paseo](#) offers free tests for all students and employees for required testing and voluntary testing. Testing is available [by appointment](#) or walk-in, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Results are generally available within 12 to 24 hours. Visit the [Testing webpage](#) for details and to make an appointment.

## ***To-Do List***

### **Safer Return Virtual Office Hours**

Got questions about Safer Return, the booster requirement or weekly COVID testing? Tomorrow (Jan. 13), members of the Safer Return Task Force will hold drop-in office hours from noon to 1 p.m. You can log in anytime from noon to 1 p.m. and ask a question. [Join us on Zoom](#).

### **Pfizer Vaccine Clinics on Campus**

Cal Poly Pomona will host two pop-up vaccine clinics on Tuesday, Jan. 25 and Tuesday, Feb. 15. Both pop-up clinics will be at the University Library patio (by Starbucks) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The clinics are open to everyone — students, faculty, staff, community members. The Pfizer vaccine will be offered for first, second or booster doses. [Make an appointment now](#).

### **Faculty and Staff: Training Required Before You Request N95 Mask**

In alignment with Cal/OSHA §5144 Respiratory Protection Program requirements, employees requesting N95 respirators for voluntary use must first complete the [SumTotal Training](#) and [Employee N-95 Voluntary Use Acknowledgement form](#). Training and acknowledgement form must be completed and submitted to [Environmental Health & Safety](#) before departments and employees can request N95 masks.

### **If You Test Positive for COVID-19...**

First, do not come to campus until you have been cleared by the Safer Return Incident Investigation Team. Students and employees will be contacted (primarily by phone) by the Safer Return Incident Investigation Team. If you have immediate questions related to a positive test, exposure to COVID, symptoms or the health screener, email [healthscreeener@cpp.edu](mailto:healthscreeener@cpp.edu).

## ***FYI Only***

### **New Health Order from LA County**

LA County Public Health issued [updated guidance and requirements](#) for colleges and universities on Jan. 7. The new health order includes: Upgraded masks for faculty and staff, updated guidance on testing of asymptomatic individuals, strongly recommending booster shots for employees and students when they are eligible, and strongly recommending masking in certain outdoor settings.

### **Am I Eligible for a Booster?**

Confused about booster shots — which one to get and when to get it? [Follow the CDC's guide on when to get a booster and which one.](#)

**Q: Why Is My Vaccine Status “Not Compliant”?**

A: The CSU is requiring students and employees to receive a booster vaccine by Feb. 28, or six months after the final dose of the original vaccination, whichever is later. If you are eligible to receive a booster dose, your record will be marked as “Not Compliant” until you have received the booster shot and uploaded verification to [MyHealthPortal](#).

**Q: I submitted a medical/religious exemption. Am I required to re-submit that every semester?**

A: No, if you have already submitted a medical or religious exemption to vaccination, you do not need to re-submit for each term.

**Safer Return Virtual Town Hall Meeting**

Join us for a Safer Return Virtual Town Hall on Thursday, Jan. 20, from noon to 1 p.m. The Task Force holds these webinars on Thursdays at noon for the campus community to hear what’s happening about health and safety protocols and to ask questions. All students, faculty and staff are invited. [Register for the Jan. 20 meeting and submit a question in advance.](#)

**BRIC Hours and Operations**

The Bronco Recreation and Intramural Complex (BRIC) is open with [extended holiday hours](#). Student clubs and organizations and departments may submit requests to schedule BRIC studios and poolside lounge for meetings and events scheduled from Jan. 24 through July 31. For questions regarding operations of the BRIC, email [CEdesk@cpp.edu](mailto:CEdesk@cpp.edu). Download the free [ASICPP Mobile App](#) on Google Play or App Store for access into the BRIC, discover new programs and register for events, or search for ASI departments and resources.

**BSC Hours and Operations**

In January, the Bronco Student Center offers extended hours of operation, reservable and drop-in meeting/study spaces, and offices and services including [eateries in Center Court](#). Games Room Etc. has free equipment checkout for billiards, gaming consoles, and other games available to CPP students. Visit the [Conference and Events webpage](#) for details on scheduling for student clubs and organizations and departments. When not reserved, meeting rooms will be available for an individual student or group of students for same-day, drop-in use starting Jan. 24. For questions regarding operations of the BSC, email [CEdesk@cpp.edu](mailto:CEdesk@cpp.edu).

**Students: 100% Remote and Seeking Vaccine Exemption?**

Students who are entirely remote in spring 2022 and will not access the campus or in-person university programs may seek an exemption to the vaccine requirement. This applies only to students who are taking all remote/virtual classes and do not plan to come to campus for work, events, club meetings, activities, library, sports, etc. The deadline to [submit the self-attestation](#) was Dec. 3. Students who have questions and concerns (including deadline extension) should email [attestexempt@cpp.edu](mailto:attestexempt@cpp.edu).

**Faculty: 100% Remote and Seeking Vaccine Exemption?**

Faculty who are entirely remote in spring 2022 and will not access the campus or in-person university programs may seek an exemption to the vaccine requirement. This applies only to faculty who do not plan to come to campus for class, meetings, research, events, library, etc. Please note that this option is temporary and subject to change based on student, department and operational needs. Faculty submitting a self-

attestation will be required to comply with the CSU Interim COVID-19 Vaccination Policy if there are changes to their course modality and/or if there is a need to access campus facilities and/or participate in any in-person activities. The deadline for faculty to [submit the self-attestation](#) is Jan. 24. Email Jill Hargis, interim AVP for Faculty Affairs, at [jehargis@cpp.edu](mailto:jehargis@cpp.edu) for details and questions.

### **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.

[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.

