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News

Your Safer Return Checklist for Fall 2021

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

- [Health screener required every day you come to campus](#)
- [Wear a face covering indoors](#)
- [Vaccination required or request exemption](#)
- [Weekly public health testing begins next week](#)
- [Physical distancing encouraged](#)
- [PPE supplies available to all](#)
- [Cleaning of facilities](#)
- [Improved air filtration](#)
- [Training for all students and employees](#)
- [Incident investigation](#) (CPP's version of contact tracing)

Read the [full message](#) and also check out our [Health and Safety Plan](#).

Vaccine Requirement

All students and employees accessing the campus and university programs are required to be vaccinated, unless they have requested a medical or religious exemption. Students and employees must take ONE of the following four actions:

1. Be fully vaccinated and [upload your record for verification](#)
2. [Self-attest](#) that you will not access university facilities or programs
3. Request a [religious exemption](#)
4. Request a medical exemption
 - a. Students should [submit PDF form](#)
 - b. State employees should [email ADA coordinator](#)

Visit the [Vaccine Info page](#) for details and deadlines.

Public Health Testing for COVID-19

[Weekly public health testing](#) begins Aug. 16 for all students and employees who come to

campus. Individuals who have verified their vaccination via [MyHealthPortal](#) will be exempt. The Public Health Testing Site will be located at the [CLA Paseo](#), which is next to the CLA Tower. It will be open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. (first appointment) to 4:30 p.m. (last appointment).

For Students: Fall 2021 Instruction Modes

As you're adjusting your schedule during Add/Drop and getting ready for the first day of the term, it's crucial that you understand your course instruction modes so you know what to expect. You can find instruction modes one of two ways:

1. If you're already enrolled in the class, click on your weekly schedule in [BroncoDirect Student Center](#). Toggle to the List View of your schedule, and then click on the hyperlinked section number. The Class Details box will show the Instruction Mode.
2. If you're looking in the BroncoDirect Class Search, click on the Class or Section hyperlink for the section you're interested in. The Class Details box will show the Instruction Mode.

Use our [Instruction Mode Guide](#) to learn more about what the instruction mode means. If you need help finding your instruction modes, contact the [Bronco Advising Center](#).

Bronco Athletics Are Back!

Spectators are allowed to attend home soccer matches to start the fall season. Masks are required, and social distancing measures will be in place. Due to rising COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County, spectators will not be allowed for home volleyball matches, which take place indoors. Athletics will continue to follow state and local health guidelines, as well as guidance from campus. For up-to-date information, continue to check [BroncoAthletics.com](#) or @CPPBroncos on all social media platforms.

To-Do List

Online Health Screener

Every day you come to campus, fill out the [online Health Screener](#) prior to your arrival. The screener will ask whether you're experiencing COVID-related symptoms, had a close contact and other questions. If you are feeling sick, do not come to campus and do not attend in-person activities.

ABC/No Credit Grading Option for Summer 2021

The Summer 2021 ABC/NC (AB/NC for graduate students) grading opt-in on BroncoDirect ended on July 1 for the first 5-week session, and Aug.5 for the 10-week and second 5-week session. After final grades are posted, undergraduates who receive a D, D- or D+ letter grade (and graduates who earn a C or lower) will receive communication about an additional opportunity to opt in or out by Aug. 18 at 11:59 p.m. PT. F grades will be automatically converted to NC grades, and WUs will be automatically converted to Ws. For questions, contact the [Bronco Advising Center](#).

Loaner Laptops and Hotspots for Students

Beginning Aug. 12, the University Library will have a limited inventory of laptops and hotspots available for students to check out on a first come, first served basis. The library will also have laptops to lend for short-term, on-campus use (up to 4 hours) beginning Aug. 19 at the second floor Circulation Desk. Up-to-date information on these services is available on the [library website](#). For follow-up questions, contact libcirc@cpp.edu.

Get Your COVID-19 Vaccine on Campus

Cal Poly Pomona will host several [pop-up vaccine clinics](#) in August open to everyone — students, employees, their families and members of the community. The vaccines are free to everyone, and you can choose between Pfizer/Moderna and J&J. Clinics will be held on campus on Aug. 15-18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. [Appointments are recommended](#) but not required.

Upload Your Vaccination Record This Week

If you're vaccinated for COVID-19, don't delay in uploading your record. Currently, it takes 3 to 5 business days for your vaccination record to be verified. After Aug. 16, you will be required to test weekly for COVID if your record hasn't be verified. If you have an IT-related question, email myhealthportal@cpp.edu.

Upload instructions:

- [Students \(including student employees\)](#)
- [Employees \(State\)](#)

FYI Only

BSC Study Spaces

The Bronco Student Center has 76 study locations that are available by reservation. Study pods include a padded chair, table, club chair and couch. Study nooks consist of a padded chair, table, and club chair. Student tables include a padded chair and table. All locations are equipped to connect to power outlets. Study space is reservable for up to 3 hours in 30-minute increments and can be made via [25Live reservation system](#). Additional information and FAQs can be found at [BSC Conference and Event Services webpage](#).

Need a Mask?

Masks or cloth face coverings are required for when you're indoors. If you forget to bring one, you can find a disposable mask on the first floor of buildings. Wall-mounted dispensers are located near entrances of all buildings and contain face masks and gloves. Visit the [PPE page](#) for more info.

Employee Work Schedule Tracking

The Employee Primary Work Schedule Tracking allows divisions and departments to report and track work schedules (on-campus, hybrid, and remote) and primary work locations for faculty, staff and student employees. The tracking page will need to be updated and maintained by that division's or department's managers and/or timekeepers to ensure accurate employee work schedules. [Visit eHelp for instructions on using the scheduler](#).

Safer Return News

This newsletter is sent to students, faculty and staff every Wednesday with updates from the Safer Return Task Force, and repopulation steering committee and working groups. Upcoming issues will be on August 18 and August 25. 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.

