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News

New Webpage for Notification Potential Workplace Exposure
In compliance with AB 685, Cal Poly Pomona is required to notify employees of potential workplace exposure to COVID-19. A new webpage now lists dates and locations of potential workplace exposures. The webpage is updated every business day and provides notice of potential exposure. Identified close contacts will continue to receive additional and direct communication from the university. Visit the Notification of Potential Workplace Exposure to COVID-19 webpage to see the chart, additional details and FAQs.

A Not-So-Scary Halloween
Let’s make this year’s Halloween spooky but not risky. Take a minute to think about your Halloween activities and consider the risk level. Remember, COVID-19 spreads more easily in:
- Closed spaces with poor air flow
- Crowded places with many people nearby
- Close contact settings especially where people are talking, laughing, screaming or breathing heavily close together

The safest activities will be those that are outside, including outdoor costume parties, pumpkin patch visits, outdoor ghost tours, hayrides, and trick-or-treating – when done safely. Wherever possible, aim to be outside, particularly if you are with individuals (including children) who are not yet vaccinated. For more helpful Halloween tips, visit LA County Public Health.

Do I Need a Booster?
LA County Public Health is recommending that individuals who are eligible for a booster shot to get their booster. Boosters are available for all three FDA-approved vaccines: Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson. People who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine should get a booster at least two months after their first dose. Those who received the second of a two-dose Pfizer or Moderna series at least 6 months ago are also eligible for a booster dose if they are:
65 years and older OR
- Age 18 and older who live in long-term care settings OR
- Age 18 and older who have underlying medical conditions OR
- Age 18 and older who work or live in high-risk settings.

Eligible individuals are allowed to choose a different brand from their original vaccine as a booster. LA County residents can make an appointment via MyTurn.CA.gov. Additionally, many pharmacies and clinics may be accepting appointments through their own systems. Visit LA County Public Health for eligibility info and more.

Q&A: I’m going to a concert, and the venue requires proof of a negative COVID test. Can I test at Cal Poly Pomona?
Yes! The Public Health Testing Site at the CLA Paseo is open to all students and employees who want to voluntarily test. It’s not just for people who are required to test or suspect they have COVID-19.

You can test for personal reasons, including preparing to go on vacation (but also check with airline and/or destination on their testing requirements), returning from an out-of-town trip, going to a venue that requires a negative test, or coming back from an activity that was a bit too close for comfort.

Testing provides you with valuable information. And it helps the university detect and prevent a potential outbreak in our community. Walk-ins are welcome, but it’s recommended to make an appointment.

To-Do List

Flu Season is Here
The weather’s changing from summer to fall, which means it’s time to get your flu shot. 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. Students can also make an appointment with Student Health on campus to get a free flu shot.

Safer Return Virtual Town Hall
Every Thursday at noon, the Safer Return Task Force hosts a Virtual Town Hall on Zoom to share what’s happening and answer your questions. This week, the meeting will discuss the updated quarantine and isolation guide. Register for the Oct. 28 event and submit a question in advance. You can also submit questions in advance to saferreturn@cpp.edu.

FYI Only

Student Outreach for Spring 2022
In preparation for Spring 2022, the Dean of Students Office and Student Health have started targeted communications to students in need of submitting a renewed attestation form, those returning from a leave of absence, and newly admitted students for the spring semester to help maintain compliance with our university COVID-19 vaccination policy. These communications will continue through December 2021.

Protocols for K-12 Visitors
Cal Poly Pomona often hosts visitors from the K-12 community (students, teachers, staff and community members). The Task Force has developed protocols for these visits that are aligned with county, state and CSU requirements and recommendations. If you're planning to host an event or activity for K-12 visitors, be sure to review the guidelines in advance. In addition, if you are hosting an overnight or day camp activity for children, you must contact events@cpp.edu.

**Need a Mask?**
If you forget your mask, you can get a free one at any of the wall-mounted dispensers located near the entrances of buildings. The dispensers contain face masks, gloves and sanitizing wipes. If you see an empty dispenser, email Environmental Health & Safety at ehs@cpp.edu.

**PPE Supplies for Departments**
University departments that need larger quantities of PPE supplies for students, employees and visitors can access the PPE supply hubs. There are 21 hubs around campus, and every division has several designees who can access them. Each hub includes masks, gloves and wipes. Find out who your department/division designee is (login required).

**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 full message from Interim Provost Iris Levine.

**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.

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