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News

Our Commitment to You

Thursday marks the start of classes for fall semester. While the return of in-person class options is an exciting milestone, we recognize many students may be feeling apprehensive, anxious or concerned about in-person class components. Students who feel anxious and wish to seek resources can always reach out to [Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) for support. Your health and safety have remained our top priority throughout the course of the pandemic, resulting in the implementation of multiple strategies and protocols to mitigate risk in compliance with CDC, state and county guidelines. [Read the full message to students from Provost Levine and VP Gonzales.](#)

Weekly Testing Begins

[Weekly public health testing](#) is required for all students and employees who come to campus, but individuals who have verified their vaccination via [MyHealthPortal](#) are exempt. If you're required to test, you will receive an email ([see screenshot of a sample email](#)) to schedule an appointment. If you come to campus any time during the week — Sunday through Saturday — you must complete your test by Friday of that week. If you aren't coming to campus for one particular week (not going to class, accessing campus facilities, attending in-person activities), you don't need to test that week and you don't need to schedule an appointment. The Public Health Testing Site is located at the [CLA Paseo](#), which is next to the CLA Tower. It's open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. (first appointment) to 4:30 p.m. (last appointment).

Vaccination is Required

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. Students who are fully remote may [self-attest](#) that they will not access university facilities or programs
Request a [religious exemption](#)

- 3.
4. Request a medical exemption
 - a. Students should [submit PDF form](#)
 - b. State employees should [email ADA coordinator](#)

BRIC Open for Fall Semester

Starting tomorrow, Aug. 19, the Bronco Recreation and Intramural Complex (BRIC) will be open without the need for a reservation! For hours of operation, membership and eligibility, please visit the [BRIC website](#).

To-Do List

Safer Return Virtual Town Hall

Got questions about Safer Return, the vaccine requirement or weekly public health testing? Every Thursday at noon, the Safer Return Task Force will host a [Virtual Town Hall on Zoom](#) for the campus community to hear what's happening and ask questions. This Thursday's meeting will include several members of the task force, including CLASS adjunct faculty member Brian Newman (host) and Frances Teves (task force chair). [Register for the town hall](#).

For Students: Review Your Courses' Instruction Modes

Students should [review their course instruction modes](#) one last time to know what to expect. Modes of instruction will not change throughout the semester, though hybrid courses may increase/decrease the amount of in-person instruction. If you are interested in an alternative mode of instruction for your course(s), adjust your schedule now during the Add/Drop Period through Sept. 1. There is no guarantee that a class will be offered in alternate modes of instruction.

For Students: When and Where Do Hybrid Courses Meet?

If you're enrolled in a hybrid class, first check the "Class Details" section on [BroncoDirect](#) for information on class meeting location. Additionally, you should continue to check your CPP email and [Canvas](#) for class meeting location information this week.

Reserve an On-Campus Study Space

If you'd like to reserve a study space on campus, go to the [CPP mobile app](#) or the [campus map](#). The University Library has [reservable study rooms](#), and the Bronco Student Center has [reservable study spaces](#). Both are also open for walk-ins, too. This can be useful if you need to log-in to an online course or need a space to study in-between classes.

FYI Only

Upgraded Air Filters Installed

The installation of high-performance air filters that can capture smaller particles has been completed in 32 buildings. The upgraded filters and the deployment of air scrubbers provide added layers of protection against the airborne transmission of the COVID-19 virus. [See the list of buildings that contain the upgraded filters](#).

COVID-19 Protocols Apply to Vendors

Vendors who conduct business on campus are required to follow Cal Poly Pomona health and safety protocols. These requirements include [completing the Guest Health Screener](#) and wearing masks indoors. If any vendors are not complying with the

protocols, contact Procurement at procurement@cpp.edu.

Explore the New ASICPP App!

This week, ASI launched the [ASICPP app](#), which is free for download on [Google Play](#) and the [App Store](#). The ASICPP app allows you to easily discover new programs, conveniently register for events, and quickly get you access into the BRIC. The ASICPP app also makes it easy to participate in your favorite or newly discovered ASI programs and events. Search and register for new experiences by ASI department, including Campus Rec, BEAT, Student Government, and more. If you don't have a smart phone, you can still visit the Member Services Desk to use the BRIC and all information about student programs and resources can be found on the [ASI website](#) and register for events and programs or make reservations for services via [ASI Portal](#).

Safer Return News

This newsletter is sent to students, faculty and staff every other Wednesday with updates from the Safer Return task force, and repopulation steering committee and working groups. Upcoming issues will be on Aug. 25 and Sept. 1. 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.

