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News

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With COVID-19 cases on the rise and the emergence of a new variant of concern, California has enacted a statewide mask requirement for indoor public spaces to help slow the spread of the virus. The statewide requirement is in effect Dec. 15 to Jan. 15. The statewide requirement does not change the campus' face coverings protocol, which already requires masks to be worn indoors with limited exceptions. For details, read the statement from the California Department of Public Health, as well as the updated travel advisory for domestic and international travel.

Safer Ways to Celebrate the Holidays
Let’s make this year’s holiday season a safer one. Here are some tips for how you can reduce your risk of COVID-19.
- Get vaccinated now
- Wear a mask when you are indoors
- Gather outdoors if possible
- Keep your gathering small
- If you are sick or have symptoms, don’t host or attend a gathering
- Get tested if you have symptoms or a close contact with someone with COVID-19.
Visit the CDC and LA County Public Health for additional guidance on staying safe and healthy during the holidays.

Public Health Testing Site Open This Week and in January
The Public Health Testing Site at the CLA Paseo is open this week and will continue in 2022 for both required testing and voluntary testing. The testing site’s final day for 2021 is Friday, Dec. 17. For employees and students on campus Dec. 20-23 and Jan. 3-5, testing is available at Student Health by appointment only. Email health@cpp.edu for info.

Q: Can my family test at the campus’ Public Health Testing Site?
A: No, unless they are current students or employees. Cal Poly Pomona’s Public Health Testing Site is only open to students and employees for required and voluntary testing. It is not set up to handle electronic medical records for members of the public. Family members and household members of students and employees are not able to test on campus.

At-Home Test Kits
LA County and Orange County residents can request free COVID-19 self-testing kits. The test kits are helpful if you have COVID-like symptoms or think you had an exposure. There are additional county-specific eligibility requirements to request the kits. Visit the LA County Public Health website and the OC Public Health website for additional information and instructions. San Bernardino County offers testing at several sites, and appointments are highly recommended.

Update on CSU Vaccination Interim Policy Compliance and Weekly Testing Requirement
Faculty and staff received an email update last week regarding the CSU Vaccination Interim Policy and weekly testing requirement. The Office of Employee/Labor Relations and Office of Faculty Affairs will be contacting staff and faculty who are not in compliance. Cal Poly Pomona will pursue corrective action measures up to and including termination from employment for non-compliance with the CSU COVID-19 Vaccination Interim Policy including required testing if applicable and any other campus required health and safety measures. Read the full message on the Safer Return website.

To-Do List

Upload Your Vaccine Record
All Cal Poly Pomona students and employees accessing the campus and university programs are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19, unless they have requested a medical or religious exemption. Once you’re vaccinated, be sure to upload your record for verification.

Religious Exemption to Vaccination
Faculty, staff and students may request a religious exemption to the vaccination requirement. Students and employees should access the Religious Exemption Form. Visit the Vaccine Information page for more information or email religiousexempt@cpp.edu with your questions and concerns.
Medical Exemption to Vaccination
Students and state employees may request a medical exemption to the vaccination requirement. Students should complete the PDF form and upload it to MyHealthPortal. State employees should email the ADA coordinator at ADACoordinator@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.

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 jhargis@cpp.edu for details and questions.

FYI Only

How to Report a Positive Test Result
If you test positive for COVID-19, use this online guide to determine what to do next. In addition, there are reporting guidelines for students, employees, colleges and managers when they receive a positive for themselves or someone in their department or class.

- Student requirements
- Faculty requirements
- Faculty/college requirements
- Staff requirements
- Manager requirements

What to Expect in Spring 2022
At the Dec. 2 Safer Return Town Hall, university leaders and Task Force members gave updates and answered questions about spring 2022. If you missed the virtual meeting, you can watch it online. The next Safer Return Town Hall will be held on Jan. 20, 2022. Visit Safer Return to watch past webinars and see the schedule for future meetings.

All COVID-19 Vaccines Approved for Booster Doses
All adults should be fully vaccinated and get a booster shot, according to public health experts. Booster shots are recommended to protect your health and our community. Need more info about which vaccine, when to get it, and who should get it? Consult this handy guide by LA County Public Health to determine your next step.

Safer Return News
This newsletter is sent to students, faculty and staff on Wednesdays with updates from the Safer Return Task Force. The Dec. 15 issue is the final one of 2021, and the newsletter will return in January 2022. 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.