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## News

### Get Tested Before and After Holiday Travel and Gatherings

With more people traveling and gathering around the holidays, it's a good idea to get tested and reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. If you're planning a getaway or attending a holiday party, you can voluntarily test for free at the [Public Health Testing Site at the CLA Paseo](#). Testing provides you with valuable information. The university can also detect and prevent a potential outbreak in our community. Walk-ins at the public health testing site are welcome, but it's recommended to [make an appointment](#).

### 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.

### Public Health Testing Site: Schedule in December and January

The [Public Health Testing Site at the CLA Paseo](#) will continue in 2022 for both required testing and voluntary testing. For 2021, the testing site's final day is Friday, Dec. 17. It will re-open the first week of January 2022. For employees and students on campus Dec. 20-23 and Jan. 3-5, testing will be available at Student Health by appointment only. Email [health@cpp.edu](mailto:health@cpp.edu) for info.

### What to Expect in Spring 2022?

At last week's Safer Return Town Hall, university leaders and Task Force members gave updates and answered questions about spring 2022. If you missed the webinar, you can [watch it online](#). In addition, you can join tomorrow's Town Hall meeting at noon. [Register for the Dec. 9 webinar and submit a question in advance](#).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

### 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](#)

## FYI Only

### Safer Ways to Celebrate the Holidays

Let's make this year's holiday season a safer one. The [CDC](#) and [LA County Public Health](#) have shared a few tips to reduce your risk during the holidays.

- 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 have a close contact with someone who has COVID-19. Remember, Cal Poly Pomona's [Public Health Testing Site](#) offers free tests for students and employees.

### Safer Return Virtual Town Hall

The final town hall meeting of 2021 will be tomorrow, Dec. 9. The webinars will resume in the new year, starting Thursday, Jan. 20 at noon. Visit the [Safer Return Town Hall webpage](#) for more information and to watch videos of past meetings.

### Reporting Positive Tests to Public Health

Given the continued substantial transmission of COVID-19 and concerns about the Omicron variant, LA County Public Health is asking colleges and universities to report positive case(s) if the individual(s) have traveled by air, domestically or internationally, in the 14 days prior to positive test date or symptom onset date. Cal Poly Pomona's Incident Investigation Team is continuing to follow all guidelines and has updated its incident investigation process.

### 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. Confused 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.

### Stay Healthy During Flu Season

The flu season typically lasts for five to six months, so it's never too late to get a 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. Students can also [make an appointment with Student Health on campus](#) to get a free flu shot.

### 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 will be 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.

