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News

Voluntary Testing for COVID-19
Cal Poly Pomona’s Public Health Testing Site is now allowing students and employees to participate in voluntary testing. This pilot program will take place Sept. 15 to 30. Availability of appointments and walk-ins may be limited because the testing site primarily serves individuals who are not vaccinated. (Please note that the busiest times are during the lunch hour and early morning.) Visit MyHealthPortal to make an appointment.

COVID-19 Testing Resources
If you have COVID-like symptoms or a potential close contact with COVID, it’s generally a good idea to get tested. There are many testing locations in Los Angeles County that are free or covered by insurance. Here are a few:

- Search through LA County's COVID-19 Testing website to find no-cost testing
- The City of Los Angeles offers free testing for residents
- U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) has partnered with pharmacies and retail companies to accelerate testing. Find a health center near you. You may need to call ahead to make an appointment
- CVS Health
- Local independent pharmacies
- Rite Aid
- Walgreens
- Walmart in partnership with Quest Diagnostics

Visit LA County Public Health for more information about COVID testing.

Resources & Info Guide for Faculty
Faculty can access a new webpage that provides resources and practical tips about Safer Return’s Health and Safety Plan and how that may apply to students and the classroom. Faculty will find tips and ideas to implement the campus’ risk mitigation strategies in their work. Visit the Resources & Info Guide webpage on the Faculty Affairs website.
**To-Do List**

Sign Up for Tomorrow’s Virtual Town Hall
Every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m., the Safer Return Task Force hosts a Virtual Town Hall on Zoom to share what’s happening and answer your questions. This week, we’ll discuss the protocols for visitors and guest health screener. Register for the Sept. 16 event and submit a question in advance. (If you missed last week’s town hall, you can watch it online.)

**FYI Only**

Protocols for Guests, Visitors and Vendors
All guests (including vendors, contractors and community visitors) must follow the guest protocols when they come to campus. This includes receiving approval to come to campus, completing the guest health screener, and receiving confirmation of their approval to visit campus. Guests should follow the protocols in the campus’ Health & Safety Plan. Visit the Information for Guests webpage for the specific steps for guests, vendors, contractors and visitors.

Planning an Event? Read this First
If you’re planning an event, be sure to review the Events Guidelines and Best Practices in advance. Guidelines include: reserving events through the 25Live reservation system, maintaining an attendee list, and a pre-planning meeting for events with more than 200 guests. If you have questions, email events@cpp.edu.

Computer Lab Expands Hours for Students
The Bronco Computer Lab located on the first floor of the University Library has expanded its hours and is now open 24 hours for six days a week. The lab is open from noon on Sunday through 4:30 p.m. on Friday. The lab will close at 4:30 p.m. on Friday and reopen at noon on Sunday. Visit Safer Return for details about library hours and resources.

Need Help with Vaccine Record Upload?
MyHealthPortal is the approved and HIPAA-compliant method for uploading immunization records for students, faculty and staff at Cal Poly Pomona. If you are having difficulty accessing the system or if you have questions, including the questions about the verification process, email myhealthportal@cpp.edu.

Health-Related Questions
Do you have questions about a positive COVID-19 test? A potential exposure? Or COVID-like symptoms? Email healthscreener@cpp.edu. A member of the campus’ Safer Return Incident Investigation team will follow up with you.

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.