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## News

### **Bivalent/Updated Boosters at the CPP Vaccine Clinics**

In alignment with [CDC recommendations](#), the [pop-up vaccine clinics](#) at Cal Poly Pomona are offering the bivalent/updated booster. **Individuals 12 years and older are recommended to receive a bivalent booster at least two months after their last vaccination.** These bivalent/updated boosters have replaced the monovalent/original boosters and are designed to target the recent Omicron subvariant in addition to the original COVID-19 virus. Visit the [LA County Public Health website](#) for information about the booster and the recommended vaccination schedule.

Pop-up vaccine clinics are scheduled in the SSB throughout October and November. The clinics will offer the Pfizer vaccine for first and second shots, and the Pfizer bivalent booster. Visit the [Safer Return website](#) for dates, locations and appointment link.

### **Do Not Attend Campus If You Have Symptoms**

Reminder: All students, staff, and faculty who are experiencing unexpected symptoms should not attend campus. Immediately complete the [Cal Poly Pomona Safer Return Form Self Reporting Form](#), and an Incident Investigator will contact you to provide next steps.

### **What You Need to Know about COVID-19 & Safer Return**

1. Masks are strongly recommended but not required for [most indoor settings, including classrooms](#). The university provides [free PPE](#) to students, faculty, staff and visitors.
2. If you have symptoms or test positive, [complete the self-reporting form](#) and stay home. Do not come to campus until you have been contacted by the university's Safer Return Incident Investigation Team.
3. [Free COVID-19 testing](#) is available to students, faculty and staff via vending machines in the Bronco Student Center's Lyra meeting room and Secoya Residence Hall. Weekly testing is required for individuals whose vaccination record is not up to date.
4. Get vaccinated and boosted. [Vaccines](#) are one of the most effective ways to

prevent severe illness and death. The campus is hosting [pop-up clinics](#) this semester.

Keep up to date with campus Safer Return efforts by checking the [website](#), reading this newsletter, attending [weekly webinars](#) or sending questions to [saferreturn@cpp.edu](mailto:saferreturn@cpp.edu).

## ***To-Do List***

### **Safer Return & Monkeypox (MPX) Drop-In Zoom Session**

The Safer Return Task Force hosts weekly meetings on Thursdays at noon for the campus community to ask questions and learn about our health and safety protocols. Visit the [Virtual Town Hall webpage](#) for the schedule and Zoom links. Join us this Thursday, Oct. 13, for a chance to ask questions about Monkeypox with Rita O’Neill, Director of Student Health and Wellness Services, and Physician Assistant Marlo Herrera.

### **Safer Return on Instagram**

Safer Return is planning to launch its own [Instagram account!](#) Follow us to receive updates regarding COVID-19 guidance and protocols, Safer Return events (vaccine clinics, webinars, etc.), campus announcements, and information about protecting yourself from COVID-19. Follow [@cpp\\_saferreturn](#).

## ***FYI Only***

### **Self-Attestation to End Quarantine**

This week, the Incident Investigation process updated, transitioning to a self-attestation when individuals are ending quarantine. Starting Oct. 12, all students, staff, and faculty are required to self-attest that they have tested negative in order to end their quarantine. This new process will allow individuals to upload their negative test to end isolation and return to campus.

### **International Travel**

Are you planning to travel out of the country? Before traveling always check your destination’s COVID-19 travel restrictions, which can be found on the [U.S. Department of State website](#). Be sure to check for the country’s vaccination, quarantine and mask requirements. Also, review the [CDC website on international travel](#) as you prepare for your trip.

### **Free COVID Testing on Campus**

All students, faculty and staff can get free COVID-19 PCR tests for required and voluntary testing. Free test kits are available through a vending machine in the Bronco Student Center (Lyra meeting room) and Secoya Residence Hall (Building 74). Faculty, staff and students who are not up to date with the vaccines, including individuals with exemptions, are required to test weekly. If you come to campus any time during the week — Sunday through Saturday — you must complete your test by Friday of that week. For more information, visit the [Public Health Testing](#) webpage. If you do not have a mobile device, cannot access the vending machines or experience technical difficulties, contact Student Health Services to make alternative arrangements, including obtaining antigen tests. Call 909-869-4000 or email [health@cpp.edu](mailto:health@cpp.edu).

### **Upload Your Vaccine Record**

Uploading your vaccine record to [MyHealthPortal](#) takes just a few minutes. You’ll need a photo or scanned copy of your vaccine card, and a computer or mobile device. [Follow](#)

[these instructions to upload and verify your record](#). If you are having trouble with the system or have questions, email [myhealthportal@cpp.edu](mailto:myhealthportal@cpp.edu).

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.

