

Safer Return Update to the Academic Senate
April 5, 2023

Situational Awareness



Los Angeles County is in the **Low Community** Level of Transmission.

County	CDC Community Level (Low, Medium, High)	4/4/2023				
		New Cases Reported	Weekly Cases per 100K (7-Day Average)*	Positivity Rate (7-Day Rate)*	Current Hospitalizations*	% of Population Fully Vaccinated
Los Angeles	● Low	1,269***	16.7	3.93%***	394***	78.9%
Orange	● Low	102	13.1	5.4%	121	78.6%
San Bernardino	● Low	71	15.8	4.2%	75	64.1%
Riverside	● Low	77	15.1	5.7%	63	65.5%
Statewide		1,668	14.3	4.5%	1,590	78.7%

Campus Indicators	04/04/2023
On-Campus Vaccination Rate <i>Vaccination rate for enrolled students, faculty and staff who come to campus; percentage excludes individuals with a medical and/or religious exemption.</i>	73.0%
Public Health Testing Positivity Rate <i>7-day average of PCR tests through the campus public health testing program.</i>	0.95%

Key Points of Note

- Los Angeles County remains in the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Protection’s (CDC) Low COVID-19 Community Level for the eleventh consecutive week.

Key Updates

1. Policy Changes and Updates

- The Los Angeles County Emergency Declaration ended on March 31, 2023.** With the order ending the following has changed:
 - Isolation:** Individuals who are positive are required to isolate for a minimum of five (5) days and can return to in-person activities on day 6 if they are fever free and symptoms are improving. It is still strongly recommended that a well-fitting mask should be worn for 10 days. Prior to the change, positive individuals could return on day 6 with a negative test. Individuals who are positive should submit a [COVID-19 Self-Report Form](#).
 - Quarantine:** Individuals who are a close contact to a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19 do not need to quarantine or test. They should, however, continue to wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days. Individuals who would like to test, should do so within 3-5 days after the last known exposure.
 - County Resources:** Los Angeles County will continue to provide COVID-19 vaccination, testing, and therapeutics at no cost.
 - Healthcare workers:** Los Angeles County will extend vaccination and masking requirements for health care workers until September 2023.
- California COVID-19 Emergency Declaration officially ended on February 28, 2023.** This change will end all pandemic-related State Executive orders issued by the Governor. This, however, does not affect local emergency and public health orders of the local jurisdiction.
- The California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board voted to adopt a non-emergency COVID-19 prevention regulations on December 15, 2022.** These regulations took effect on February 3, 2023, and will remain in effect for two years after the effective date, except for the recordkeeping subsections that will remain in effect for three years. [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 regulations](#) still require employers to provide testing at

no cost, investigate and respond to COVID-19 cases, and notify affected employees of COVID-19 in the workplace.

d. **The University must adhere to the strictest order issued at the county, state or federal level.**

Legislative reporting and notification requirements are currently in place at least through January 1, 2024, and Cal/OSHA COVID-19 regulations are currently in place through February 2025.

e. **Safer Return's Quarantine and Isolation Guidelines** will be aligned with Los Angeles County, taking effect on April 3, 2023.

2. Vaccinations

a. Safer Return will continue to host pop-up clinics throughout the Spring Semester at the Welcome Center (SSB 121 – Room 1004) on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The clinic also began to offer flu vaccines at the pop-up clinics on February 14, 2023. Students and employees can pre-register for COVID and/or flu vaccines via the links posted on the [CPP Safer Return Vaccine Webpage](#).

b. Students and employees can continue to upload their vaccine information, including boosters, to [MyHealth portal](#).

3. Testing

a. Students, faculty and staff can continue access to the campus testing program at no charge through May 26. The approach to testing beyond May 26 is still being considered and updates to the campus will follow. Locations and information on accessing testing vending machines can be found on the [CPP Safer Return Testing Webpage](#).

4. Campus Signage

a. An effort to remove outdated COVID-19 signage is underway with a focus on preparing for Cal Poly Pomona's #BroncoBound Spring Open House, which is scheduled for April 15, 2023.

5. Masking/PPE

a. Masking has been downgraded to [individual preference](#) by LACDPH due to the low levels of transmission with the following exemptions: healthcare settings; if you have tested positive; or if you have been identified as a close contact. PPE, including higher grade masks, are available to students, faculty and staff at no cost. For more information on PPE, including where to find masks, visit the can continue to find distribution locations on the [Safer Return PPE webpage](#).

6. Safer Return Webinars/ Newsletter

a. A Safer Return Newsletter will be sent out on Wednesday, April 5, providing clarification on recent local public health changes and updates to Cal Poly Pomona's Safer Return guidance.

b. We will also continue hosting the weekly Zoom Drop-In/Webinar on Thursdays at U-hour (12 p.m.). For more information, including Zoom links, visit the [CPP Safer Return Webinar webpage](#).

If you have questions or need additional information, visit <https://www.cpp.edu/safer-return/index.shtml> or email saferrturn@cpp.edu.