CalPolyPomona

## Safer Return Update to the Academic Senate
### April 26, 2023

## Situational Awareness

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

| County | CDC Community Level (Low, Medium, High) | 4/24/2023 | | | | |
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| | | New Cases Reported | Weekly Cases per 100K (7-Day Average)* | Positivity Rate (7-Day Rate)* | Current Hospitalizations* | % of Population Fully Vaccinated |
| Los Angeles | ● Low | 3,114*** | 16.7 | 3.52%*** | 291*** | 78.9% |
| Orange | ● Low | 75 | 13.1 | 4.4% | 79 | 78.6% |
| San Bernardino | ● Low | 66 | 15.8 | 4.6% | 66 | 64.1% |
| Riverside | ● Low | 55 | 15.1 | 4.5% | 57 | 65.5% |
| Statewide | | 1,330 | 14.3 | 5.4% | 1,361 | 78.7% |

| Campus Indicators | 04/24/2023 |
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| **On-Campus Vaccination Rate** *Vaccination rate for enrolled students, faculty and staff who come to campus; percentage excludes individuals with a medical and/or religious exemption.* | **73.1%** |
| **Public Health Testing Positivity Rate** *7-day average of PCR tests through the campus public health testing program.* | **3.33%** |

## Key Points of Note

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

## Key Updates

1. **Policy Changes and Updates**
    a. **The Los Angeles County Emergency Declaration ended on March 31, 2023.** With the order ending the following has changed:
       - Isolation: Positive Individuals are still required to isolate for a minimum of 5 days. These individuals are no longer required but strongly recommended to test out of isolation when returning between days 6-10. Positive individuals can end isolation between days 6-10 if they are fever free and they either have no symptoms or their symptoms are mild and improving. For the duration of their isolation period, positive individuals should wear a well-fitting mask when indoors around others.
       - Quarantine: It is strongly recommended but not required that an individual who is a close contact to a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19 wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days. The individual who is a close contact is also no longer required to test as soon as possible to determine infection status. Should a close contact individual choose to test, and they test negative, it is recommended they test again 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.
    b. **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.
    c. **The California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board voted to adopt 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. The University's isolation and quarantine guidelines are aligned with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's which took effect on April 3, 2023.

2. **Vaccinations**

   a. In alignment with the [CSU COVID-19 Vaccination and Safety Measure Policy](#), students and employees are no longer required to be vaccinated for COVID-19; however, it is still strongly recommended. Individuals who intend to be vaccinated should follow COVID-19 vaccine recommendations adopted by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) applicable to their age, medical condition, and other relevant indications. Students and employees can continue to upload their vaccine information, including boosters, to [MyHealth portal.](#) Exemptions, religious exemptions and self-attestations will also no longer be required.

   b. 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 has also begun to offer flu vaccines at the pop-up clinics beginning 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](#).

3. **Testing**

   a. Given the change to the CSU COVID-19 Vaccination and Safety Measure Policy, weekly testing at Cal Poly Pomona will no longer be required by the university for individuals who are not up to date in their COVID-19 vaccination.

   b. Students, faculty and staff can continue access to the campus testing program at no charge through May 26. Determinations regarding the testing resources following May 26th are still being considered. Locations and information on accessing testing vending machines can be found on the [CPP Safer Return Testing Webpage](#).

4. **Campus Signage**

   a. Safer Return is continuing to remove outdated COVID-19 signage throughout the campus.

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 changes 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.](#)

7. **Additional Points of Note**

   a. As a reminder, students and employees who test positive for COVID-19, should report via the via the [COVID-19 Self-Report Form](#).

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