COVID-19 Presidential Order

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COVID-19 Ongoing Testing and Safety Protocols

I. SUMMARY

As part of the University’s ongoing and collective efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19 and the associated health and safety implications, the University requires students residing on campus or in San Luis Obispo County during the COVID-19 pandemic (winter and spring quarter 2021 unless amended) to comply with all mandatory ongoing testing requirements. The growing number of cases in San Luis Obispo County and potential impact on hospital capacity has prompted the university to issue a Presidential Order on COVID-19 ongoing testing and safety protocols.

Effective beginning of the winter quarter 2021 (January 4, 2021), all students who are on campus are required to participate in ongoing COVID-19 testing. Failure to comply with ongoing COVID-19 testing will result in loss of Cal Poly technology services, which consists of over 200 applications and 200 drupal sites, including portal access, email, Canvas, in-person & virtual classes and access to the recreation center. Access will be restored once a student completes a COVID-19 test at a university or other testing sites. Use of campus saliva-based testing program is strongly recommended.

Also, effective beginning of the winter quarter 2021 (January 4, 2021), students who are living in San Luis Obispo County but not traveling to campus on a regular basis are also required to participate in ongoing COVID-19 testing. Failure to comply with ongoing COVID-19 testing will result in loss of Cal Poly technology services, which consists of over 200 applications and 200 drupal sites, including portal access, email, and Canvas, in-person & virtual classes and access to the recreation center. Access will be restored once a student completes a COVID-19 test at a university or other testing sites. Use of campus saliva-based testing program is strongly recommended.

In addition, effective winter quarter 2021 (January 4, 2021) all safety and mitigation measures set forth in the COVID-19 Presidential Order including but not limited to physical distancing, health screening, adhering to county and statewide isolation and quarantine expectations, the use of face coverings and protective equipment, and restrictions regarding gatherings will continue to be required.
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II. SCOPE

A. Unless stated otherwise, this Presidential Order applies to Cal Poly Students on campus and in San Luis Obispo County.

III. DEFINITIONS

A. Ongoing testing: Routine COVID-19 testing conducted at a university or local testing site for asymptomatic students to rapidly identify and isolate COVID-19 positive individuals who may unknowingly spread the illness to others. Testing at university testing sites is highly recommended.

B. Face Covering: A face covering is a material that covers the nose and mouth. A face covering can be secured to the head with ties or straps or simply wrapped around the face. The covering does not have to be a medical grade mask. It can be made of a variety of materials. It is designed to reduce the release of potentially infectious particles into the air when someone speaks, coughs, or sneezes.

C. Physical Distancing: Maintaining a distance of at least six feet away from another individual(s).

D. Gatherings: All restrictions regarding gatherings will be informed by local, county, and statewide orders related to COVID-19, including tiers. Students are expected to uphold the City of San Luis Obispo’s Safety Enhancement Zone order on gatherings.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

A. Face Coverings. All students must wear face coverings while on University property and/or when participating in any University-related activities. Exemptions include when students are within their University residential assignment when complying with University Housing guest policies, or when participating in University related collegiate athletic events, however each University student must comply with all COVID-19 safety protocols applicable to college athletics. Face coverings are especially important when:

- Inside of, or in line to enter, any indoor public or common space;
- Obtaining services from any campus department or office;
- Waiting for public transportation, private transportation, a ride-sharing vehicle or private car service;
- Engaging in work, whether on University property or off-site at a University-related activity; specifically, when:
  o Interacting in-person with another person who is not from their own household or residence;
  o Working in any space where there is an expectation of interaction with a person who is not from their own household or residence, regardless of whether any such person is present at the time;
  o While in or passing through public or common spaces on campus; such as common workspaces, classrooms, labs, common areas in student housing, hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking facilities;
- In any space where food is prepared, packaged, or sold;
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- In any room or enclosed area where other people (except for members of the person’s own household or residence) are present;
- Operating a vehicle on University business when passengers are present;
- Outdoors in public spaces where consistently maintaining a physical distance of six feet from persons who are not members of the same household or residence is not feasible.

Notwithstanding the above, face coverings may be removed for a minimum time-frame for eating or drinking.

B. Physical Distancing. All students must physically distance while on University property and/or when participating in University-related activities. This includes avoiding large crowds and groups of people, especially where consistently maintaining a distance of six feet between people is not possible.

C. Isolation and Quarantine. All students must comply with any directive from a University or health official requiring them to isolate (if they test positive) and/or quarantine or quarantine in place (if they are exposed to someone who has tested positive or is suspected to be infected).

D. Health Screenings. Prior to arriving on any University property or participating in any University-related activity, students must conduct a personal health screening and self-monitor for COVID-19-related symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of respiratory illness. Those experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms should not come to campus. In addition, students who develop COVID-19 related symptoms while on University property or participating in any University-related activity must leave campus or remove themselves from a University-related activity. Visit the Centers for Disease Control website for information about COVID-19-related symptoms.

E. Ongoing Testing. Each student will be required to complete ongoing testing as directed by Campus Health and Wellbeing. Testing instructions and directives will be provided to students throughout the remainder of the academic year to student’s Cal Poly email accounts.

F. Case Reporting. Any student who tests positive for COVID-19 or becomes aware that they may have been in close contact with someone who either has tested positive for or is suspected to have COVID-19 is strongly encouraged to report the positive result or exposure using the COVID-19 Self-Reporting Form.

G. Signage. All campus students while on University property and/or when participating in University-related activities must adhere to COVID-19 health and safety signage, including but not limited to entrance/exit routes in buildings, physical distance markers, required face coverings, and capacity limitations in building rooms, classrooms and library spaces.

H. Safety Guidelines. Prior to arriving on University property or participating in any University-related activity, students should review health and safety guidelines on the Environmental Health & Safety website. Guidelines include but are not limited to online training.
V. ACCOUNTIBILITY

Failure to comply with ongoing COVID-19 testing will result in loss of Cal Poly technology services, which consists of over 200 applications and 200 drupal sites, including:

- Portal
- E-mail
- Canvas (in-person and virtual classes)
- Zoom
- PeopleSoft Student Center (including DegreePlanner & ScheduleBuilder)
- O365/E-Mail/Calendar/OneDrive
- Virtual Labs
- Library Services (Online Resources)
- StudentPay/Timesheets
- Adding funds to PolyCard
- Follett
- National Student Clearinghouse (Transcripts)
- Health Center Portal
- Adobe Creative Cloud
- Adobe Sign
- StarRez

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VI. AUTHORITY


California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 41301. Standards of Student Conduct

California State University, Executive Order 1039 (November 17, 2008)

Standing Orders of the Board of Trustees of the California State University

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