



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

PRESIDENTIAL ORDER (Amended)

COVID-19 Presidential Order (Amended)

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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 while continuing to value education, the University requires students to comply with all University mandatory ongoing testing requirements and safety and mitigation measures during the COVID-19 pandemic (winter and spring quarter 2021 unless amended). The growing number of cases in San Luis Obispo County and potential impact on hospital capacity has prompted the University to issue this Presidential Order on COVID-19 ongoing testing and safety protocols. The terms and conditions of this order are subject to change should public health conditions warrant different testing requirements. Changes to this order will be communicated to the student body via a campus-wide email.

II. TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Ongoing testing refers to COVID-19 testing of asymptomatic students conducted at a frequency as determined by Campus Health and Wellbeing.

Effective beginning of the winter quarter 2021 (January 4, 2021), ongoing testing is required for any student who meets any of the following criteria:

- A. Lives in university housing
- B. Is enrolled in face-to-face courses
- C. Works on campus
- D. Participates in research on campus
- E. Uses any on-campus service (except the Health Center)
- F. Lives in the same household or congregate living facility (meaning a house, apartment or housing facility with two or more students, such as a dormitory or fraternity/sorority house) with a Cal Poly student who meets any of the criteria listed as A through E above

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Each student, as identified above, 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 students' Cal Poly email accounts. Ongoing testing will be required at intervals determined by Campus Health and Wellbeing. Currently, the required testing interval is two times per week, but may be changed by Campus Health and Wellbeing as conditions warrant.

Failure to comply with ongoing COVID-19 testing will result in a student's loss of access to in-person campus services including in-person classes, recreation center, library, campus dining, and all other student services. Additionally, it will result in loss of Cal Poly technology service, which consists of over 200 applications and 200 drupal sites, including portal access, email, Canvas, and virtual classes. Access will be restored once a student completes a COVID-19 test at a university testing site or submits and obtains university approval of test results from an external testing site. See more below in the section on Accountability.

Cal Poly will provide ongoing COVID-19 testing for asymptomatic students at the ASYMPTOMATIC CAMPUS TESTING (ACT) site (currently designated to be the Performing Arts Center, but subject to change). Students may comply with the University's ongoing testing requirement by participating in ASYMPTOMATIC CAMPUS TESTING at the prescribed frequency. Cal Poly recommends that students utilize ASYMPTOMATIC CAMPUS TESTING, as it provides free, convenient COVID-19 testing administered under all public health guidelines. Please note that testing through Avellino Labs will be used until the campus-developed saliva test is implemented and that Avellino Labs bills student's private insurance. Students may optionally comply with the required ongoing COVID-19 testing by using alternative testing locations. Details about the type of required molecular test and submitting test results from an alternative testing process are described later in this order in the EXEMPTION section.

ASYMPTOMATIC CAMPUS TESTING is for asymptomatic students. Students exhibiting symptoms of [COVID-19](#) or those instructed to test by county public health because of an exposure should not use the ASYMPTOMATIC CAMPUS TESTING and instead should contact Campus Health and Wellbeing to meet with a medical provider and be administered a test at the Health Center. Alternatively, students may seek testing at their own expense through their own medical provider. Students who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19, have a red status on their daily symptom screener, or are on isolation or quarantine statuses should not go to the ASYMPTOMATIC CAMPUS TESTING location and should follow the directions of Campus Health and Wellbeing for ongoing testing and other measures.

All Cal Poly students are encouraged to participate in ongoing testing, even if they do not meet the criteria for required testing. Students who do not meet the criteria for required testing may still utilize the ASYMPTOMATIC CAMPUS TESTING services without charge.

Students who live off-campus (including those who reside within the City of San Luis Obispo) and not with other Cal Poly students at the same address are not required to comply with the University's ongoing testing requirement, but are strongly encouraged to do so, especially if they interact with other Cal Poly students.

Students participating in a University off-campus academic program (for example, student teaching) that provides ongoing (at least weekly) COVID-19 testing as part of its operation may satisfy the testing requirement by providing those test results upon receipt to Campus Health and Wellbeing.

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III. TESTING EXEMPTIONS

Some students who qualify for required ongoing testing (as described in Section II A-F) may be exempt from the University's requirement. To qualify for an exemption, a student must be enrolled in a completely virtual course schedule and meet an exemption listed below or as otherwise approved by Campus Health and Wellbeing. Reasons for exemptions include:

- Student has a documented condition that makes participating in testing not possible or contrary to medical recommendations. Documentation regarding the condition must be on file with the Disability Resource Center.
- Student has tested positive for the Coronavirus within the last 90 days, as certified by Campus Health & Wellbeing.

Note: students who live off-campus (including those who reside within the City of San Luis Obispo) and not with other Cal Poly students at the same address are not required to comply with the University's ongoing testing requirement and DO NOT need to submit an exemption.

Requests for exemption must be made online by emailing health@calpoly.edu with the words TESTING EXEMPTION REQUEST in the subject line. Students may request exemption for one of the above reasons or another reason that they feel warrants consideration. Students granted exemptions are still expected to participate in COVID-19 testing if they have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Students who wish to comply with the University's requirement for ongoing testing via a service different from the ASYMPTOMATIC CAMPUS TESTING, may do so. Only molecular COVID-19 tests are accepted for compliance with this policy (not antigen or antibody tests). It is the student's responsibility to provide evidence of a negative test if they opt not to use ASYMPTOMATIC CAMPUS TESTING. Test results must be provided by uploading results to Qualtrics for medical provider review. Students participating in COVID-19 testing via a service different from ASYMPTOMATIC CAMPUS TESTING should expect that a campus medical provider will validate results within 3-5 working days after receiving them. This can result in a student's access to online services being restricted if the student falls into non-compliance status while result review is pending.

IV. SAFETY AND MITIGATION MEASURES

Effective winter quarter 2021 (January 4, 2021) safety and mitigation measures, 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 (as determined by state and local authorities) will continue to be required.

A. Face Coverings. All students must wear face coverings while on University property and/or when participating in any University-related activities. 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 provided

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it is designed to reduce the release of potentially infectious particles into the air when someone speaks, coughs, or sneezes.

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:
 - Interacting in-person with another person who is not from their own household or residence;
 - 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;
 - 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;
- 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. Physical distancing means maintaining a distance of at least six feet away from another individual(s). 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 and/or quarantine or quarantine in place. Students with COVID-19 must not knowingly expose others to the virus.

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 sore throat, 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

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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. 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.

F. Signage. All 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.

G. 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.

H. City Restrictions. Students in the City of San Luis Obispo are expected to comply with the City of San Luis Obispo's Safety Enhancement Zone order on gatherings as well as any other local restrictions/requirements.

V. ACCOUNTABILITY

Failure to comply with ongoing COVID-19 testing will result in a student's loss of access to in-person campus services including in-person classes, recreation center, library, campus dining, and all other student services. Additionally, it will result in loss of Cal Poly technology service (including portal access), which consists of over 200 applications and 200 drupal sites, including

- 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)
- Adobe Creative Cloud
- Adobe Sign

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Failure to comply with safety and mitigation measures could subject a student to the University disciplinary process and sanctions, including but not limited to suspension and expulsion.

VII. AUTHORITY

California Department of Public Health. (2020). *COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Institutions of Higher Education* (August 7, 2020).

California Department of Public Health. (2020). *Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings* (Revised June 29, 2020).

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

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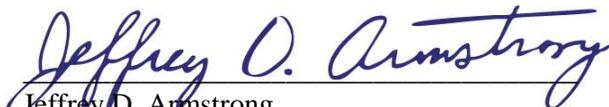
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