COVID-19 Student Safety Protocols - Fall 2021

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 strategy for keeping ourselves and each other safe has four parts: 1) Vaccination — Everyone on campus must vaccinate or claim an exemption; 2) Face Covering — Everyone must wear a face covering indoors, except when doing so would be unsafe or impractical, with the exception of instructional faculty who are vaccinated, who may choose to wear a face shield and drape while teaching; gaiters and bandanas do not qualify as an acceptable face covering; 3) Hygiene and Daily Health Screening — Students must continue following good pandemic hygiene, including regularly washing or sanitizing hands, and monitoring their daily health symptoms; and 4) Testing — Free, on-campus testing is available for students, faculty, and staff, and unvaccinated/partially unvaccinated students must test regularly to help maintain campus health and safety.

This Presidential Order on COVID-19 Student Safety Protocols is a critical step to care for our campus and local community. The terms and conditions of this order are subject to change should public health conditions warrant different safety strategies and protocols. Any subsequent changes to this order will be communicated to the student body via a campus-wide email.

Compliance expectations and non-compliance outcomes specific to student vaccinations, face coverings, daily health screenings and campus pass, and testing are outlined below. Failure to comply with these safety and mitigation measures could subject students to the University disciplinary process and sanctions, including but not limited to suspension and expulsion.

II. VACCINATION
a) Compliance Expectations

Currently enrolled students must submit a Student Vaccination Status Reporting Form to the University. This form provides for student to declare their COVID-19 vaccination status (whether fully or partially vaccinated or planning to vaccinate) or identify a medical or religious exemption, or indicate their exclusion due to no intent to access the campus or to participate in University events or programs. All residential students must submit the form by September 14, 2021, and off-campus students must do so by September 20, 2021, or their first day on campus, whichever comes first, to comply with the Cal Poly and California State University’s (CSU) policies.

b) Noncompliance Outcomes

Currently enrolled students who do not complete the Student Vaccination Status Reporting Form by September 20, 2021, may be subject to the following:

i) Ongoing testing, every three days with single sign-on restrictions for testing non-compliance; this requirement may change depending on public health conditions

ii) Registration hold for winter quarter

Students who claimed an exclusion because they are not intending to access campus for in-person classes or services and will not participate in University events or programs will not be able to access the daily symptom screener and therefore will not have access to a campus pass. At any time, students can go to the COVID-19 tab on the student portal to update/change their Student Vaccination Status Reporting Form.

III. FACE COVERING

a) Compliance Expectations

All students accessing any indoor facility on campus must wear a face covering, regardless of their vaccination status.

Acceptable face coverings must:

• Completely cover the nose and mouth.
• Fit snugly against the side of the face with secured ties/ear loops.
• Allows for adequate breathing.
• Be clean and undamaged.

Face covering exemptions include when students are indoors within their University residential assignment (including those with roommates) and complying with University Housing guest policies, or when participating in University-related intercollegiate athletic events (unless otherwise mandated). Student-athletes must comply with all COVID-19 safety protocols applicable to college athletics, regardless of vaccination status. Face coverings may be removed for a minimum timeframe while actively eating or drinking in campus spaces that do not have a “no eating/drinking” policy.

b) Non-compliance Outcomes
Students not wearing an acceptable face covering or not wearing it properly will experience progressive discipline including the following:

i) The student will be asked to comply. If the student does not have a face covering, the student will be given a face covering or asked to get one from the nearest sanitation station before using the campus space or service,

ii) The student will be given a verbal warning,

iii) The student will be asked to leave the premises (such as a classroom, lab, or dining facility), and/or

iv) The student’s name will be reported to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR) with subsequent discipline as per OSRR student conduct policy.

IV.  DAILY HEALTH SCREENING AND CAMPUS PASS

a) Compliance Expectations

Prior to arriving on any University property or participating in any University-related activity, all students, regardless of vaccination status, must conduct a daily 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. Visit the Centers for Disease Control website for information about COVID-19-related symptoms.

Those experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms will be assigned a red campus pass and should not attempt to access campus spaces or services except for Campus Health and Wellbeing. Students who develop COVID-19 related symptoms while on University property or participating in any University-related activity must remove themselves from all University-related activities immediately. If the symptomatic student is an on-campus resident, they should go to Campus Health and Wellbeing during hours of operation. Symptomatic students who live off campus should go to Campus Health and Wellbeing during hours of operation or leave campus and visit an off-campus healthcare provider.

Students may be asked to show their campus pass at any time and at any location on campus and will be expected to comply.

b) Non-compliance Outcomes

Any student who does not complete a daily health screening before arriving on campus will not receive a campus pass and will not have access to campus spaces and services for that day.

Any student falsely reporting information on their daily symptom screener may be subject to discipline through the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR).

Any student whose campus pass is blue as a result of required ongoing testing non-compliance must complete a saliva test on campus or upload a negative test result in order to shift to a green pass.

Any student refusing to share their campus pass with a campus employee will not be
allowed to access campus spaces and services and may be subject to progressive discipline per OSRR student conduct policy.

V. TESTING

a) Compliance Expectations

With the exception of students who have attested that they are excluded because they have no intent to access the campus or in-person University programs, all currently enrolled students who are unvaccinated (including those who have submitted medical and religious exemptions), partially vaccinated, planning to vaccinate, in the process of vaccinating, or have not completed their COVID-19 Student Vaccination Status Reporting Form are required to comply with all University mandatory ongoing testing requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ongoing testing refers to COVID-19 testing of asymptomatic unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students conducted at a frequency of every three days as determined by Campus Health and Wellbeing. Testing frequency may be changed from every 3 days based upon public health conditions as advised by Campus Health and Wellbeing.

Ongoing testing is required for any unvaccinated or partially vaccinated student who meets one or more of the following criteria:

- Resides in University Housing
- Is enrolled in face-to-face courses
- Works on campus
- Participates in research on campus
- Attends an intercollegiate athletic event
- Participates in any University events or programs, regardless of location
- Uses any on-campus site or service (such as the Library, Rec Center, Campus Dining)

Ongoing testing is required for any student who has not submitted the required COVID-19 Student Vaccination Status Reporting Form.

On-Campus Testing. The University is committed to the health and wellbeing of the entire campus community and therefore has designated testing sites for both asymptomatic and symptomatic students.

i) Asymptomatic Testing. On-campus testing is located at UU 220 and is for asymptomatic students who are required to complete ongoing testing at the mandated frequency. Those asymptomatic students instructed by the University or county public health to get tested because of an exposure, regardless of vaccination status, also should report to one of these saliva testing sites at days 3-5 and 7-10 following the exposure notification.

ii) Symptomatic Testing. Any student, regardless of vaccination status, who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, who has a red campus pass, or who has an isolation or quarantine status should report to Campus Health and Wellbeing or another healthcare provider for diagnostic testing.
Off-Campus Testing. Students who wish to comply with the University’s requirement for ongoing testing via a service other than an asymptomatic campus testing site may do so. Only molecular COVID-19 tests are accepted for compliance with this policy (not antigen or antibody tests). Students who get tested through their own medical provider, either in response to the ongoing testing requirement or following an exposure, must upload test results through the COVID-19 Info tab on the portal for medical review. It is the student’s responsibility to provide evidence of a negative test if they opt not to use asymptomatic campus testing.

Temporary Release from Testing Requirement. Some students who are required to engage in ongoing testing may be eligible for a temporary release from the ongoing testing requirement. Note: non-academic trips or extended out-of-town stays are not acceptable reasons for temporary release from the ongoing testing program.

Requests for temporary release will be considered only for the following:

ii) Medical Condition. A student with a documented condition that makes participating in testing not possible or contrary to medical recommendations must submit documentation to the Disability Resource Center for testing exemption consideration.

iv) Positive COVID-19 Test. A student who has tested positive for the Coronavirus within the last 90 days may be eligible for a temporary testing exemption.

v) Extenuating Circumstance. A student may be granted an exemption from ongoing testing for one of the below reasons:
   - **Medical and/or Psychological Emergency:**
     In the event of a medical and/or psychological emergency that may result in, but is not limited to, hospitalization. Documentation by an appropriate medical professional confirming medical/psychological reasons may be required.
   - **Unforeseen Personal Hardship:**
     In the case of a personal emergency that may interfere with a students’ ability to test. Documentation may be required.
   - **Military Service Obligation:**
     In the event a student is called to active duty or training in the United States Armed Forces, including service in the National Guard or Reserve. Verification is required.

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 must report the positive result or exposure using the daily symptom screener.

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; this is a crime under CA health and safety code.
b) Non-compliance Outcomes

All currently enrolled unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students (unless excluded due to attesting to no intent to access campus or University events or programs), as well as students who have not completed a Student Vaccination Status Reporting Form, are required to comply with all University mandatory ongoing testing requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Failure to comply with ongoing COVID-19 testing will result in a student’s loss of access to campus spaces and services via the following:

i) Campus Pass. On the first day on campus, non-compliant students will be assigned a blue campus pass and will not be able to access campus spaces and services including in-person classes, recreation center, library, campus dining, and all other student services until they upload pre-arrival COVID-19 test results (for a test taken within the preceding 72 hours). The blue campus pass will shift to another color 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.

ii) SSO Restrictions. Beginning October 04, 2021, students who are non-compliant with this ongoing testing policy will be subject to loss of access to Cal Poly technology services through single sign-on portal restrictions, including the applications listed below.

- 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

Single sign on access will be restored once a student completes a COVID-19 test at a university testing site or uploads test results from an external testing site.

Students who lose SSO access for four consecutive days will receive email notification of a scheduled mandatory ongoing testing compliance meeting that will be held virtually. During this meeting, the student will have an opportunity to provide justification for their non-compliance to the Temporary Release from Ongoing Testing Committee. Students who do not attend the meeting will continue to be restricted from SSO and will be referred to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR) where disciplinary outcomes could result.
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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