



June 25, 2021

Dear Students,

We remain focused on providing you with a safe and healthy environment to achieve your goals. We have been working diligently to align our policies and procedures with the latest guidance from state and local public health agencies.

As you know, the State of California has [reopened](#) as of June 15, 2021. Our state has moved past Beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy; the tier system that we have become beholden to has been eliminated as well. Significant progress has been made in vaccinating individuals and reducing community transmission, which allows for much more flexibility with face coverings and social distancing in public.

Effective immediately, Palomar College will adhere to guidance from [CAL/OSHA](#), the [California Department of Public Health](#), and the [San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency](#). All Palomar College students are expected to follow all mask and facial covering requirements, as stated below.

Mask, Facial Covering and Vaccination Requirements

Masks are **not required for fully vaccinated individuals, except** in the following settings where masks are required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status:

- On [public transit\[1\]](#)
- Indoors in [K-12 schools\[2\]](#), [childcare\[3\]](#) and other youth settings.
- [Healthcare settings\[4\]](#) (including [long term care facilities\[5\]](#))
- State and local [correctional facilities and detention centers\[6\]](#)
- [Homeless shelters\[7\]](#), [emergency shelters\[8\]](#) and [cooling centers\[9\]](#)

Additionally, **masks are required** for unvaccinated individuals** in indoor public settings and businesses (examples: classrooms, offices on campus, service counters).

Further, on July 6, the Palomar College Governing Board will consider a vaccination mandate for students and employees. More details on this mandate will be provided after July 6. We

continue to strongly recommend that our students and employees get vaccinated. We have a calendar of Palomar College vaccination events listed on the COVID-19 [vaccination webpage](#).

Infrastructure Update

All of the classrooms and buildings have been evaluated by HVAC engineers to ensure we have extra HVAC filtration in areas of dense populations (classrooms, student union, student services center, etc.) The anticipated completion of this work is August 20, 2021, depending upon receipt of necessary filters.

Palomar College Health Screening App

First and foremost, if you are not feeling well, you should not come to campus and should complete a [COVID-19 Questionnaire](#).

Beginning June 28, 2021, the District will utilize a health self-screening feature available through the Palomar College mobile App named My Palomar. Individuals may download the My Palomar App via [Google Play](#) or the [Apple App Store](#). The Daily Pre-Screening feature provides access to a short health related questionnaire.

- All students, employees, and visitors are encouraged to conduct a daily health pre-screening prior to coming to class or work.
- Based on the responses to the questions, individuals will receive an alert via the My Palomar App as to whether or not they should come to class or work.

For individuals who do not wish to download the My Palomar App, the health screening questionnaire will be made available via a webpage. The URL to the webpage will be “live” on June 28 and will be distributed to all employees and students.

Addressing Your Concerns

If you are the victim of bullying and are concerned for your safety, please report the matter to Campus Police at 760-891-7273 or 760-744-1150, x2289; other instances should be reported to our Office of Student Life and Leadership at 760-744-1140, x2594.

If you are concerned about your health, even though you are vaccinated, you may choose to wear a mask. Remember too that most of our courses are still offered online, allowing you to avoid being in a classroom space with others altogether.

As always, if there is an immediate safety concern and/or if someone is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, immediately call Campus Police at 760-891-7273 or x2289 from a campus phone.

For concerns regarding employees, address the matter with their supervisor.

Stay Up to Date

Should you have any questions, please check our [COVID-19 website](#) anytime or check Facebook and Twitter.

We are looking forward to the remainder of summer session and the fall 2021 semester. Don't forget to register today for fall classes! You can check out open classes [here](#). If you need to reach our financial aid office, please email finaid@palomar.edu or call (760)744-1150 ext 2366.

Stay well,

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