

RETURN TO CAMPUS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE COLLEGE'S RETURN TO CAMPUS PLAN?

- On June 1, the Governing Board will consider recommended revisions to BP/AP 5210 Communicable Disease (students) and BP/AP 7330 Communicable Disease (employees) to give the District the ability to create a Vaccination and Immunization Plan in the event of an epidemic or pandemic.
- The collective bargaining negotiation process to discuss the impacts of BP/AP 5210 and BP/AP 7330 on working conditions, including legal exemptions from a vaccine mandate, are underway.
- Our facilities department partnered with an engineering firm do an analysis of air quality and HVAC systems in all campus and education center buildings. All required repairs and upgrades will be complete by the end of summer.
- Every department has been asked to submit Summer 2021 and/or Fall 2021 Return to Work plans to our Emergency Operations Center.
- On June 4, the EOC and Policy will review and finalize all of the plans received.
- Our technology team is installing required audio visual equipment in conference rooms for continued ZOOM usage.
- We will continue to ensure access to vaccines for students and employees.
- We will determine the most efficient and effective approach to COVID-19 testing on campus.
- We are in the process of determining the most efficient and effective approach to collecting the appropriate data on vaccinations while abiding by HIPPA requirements.
- We will modify the campus Return to Campus plan as relevant guidance is gained from federal, state and regional public health agencies.

VACCINATION

Will COVID-19 vaccinations be required of everyone?

The District has made recommended revisions to BP/AP 5210 Communicable Disease (students) and BP/AP 7330 Communicable Disease (employees) to give the District the ability to create a Vaccination and Immunization Plan in the event of an epidemic or pandemic. This Plan, once approved, would require vaccinations. These BPs and APs have moved through the shared governance process, are receiving legal review, and are expected to go before the Governing Board on June 1, 2021

Will the student vaccination policy address booster shots?

Both BP/AP 5210 – Students and BP/AP 7330 – Employees, give the District the ability to include boosters in its final Vaccination and Immunization Plan. Based on current data, it is likely that boosters will be recommended 6-12 months after your last shot (second shot with Pfizer and Moderna; first shot with Johnson and Johnson).

Regarding students: Will they need to submit their vaccination information in order to register for classes?

Pending policy approval, students will not be able to attend face-to-face classes without a vaccine. They will have to provide proof prior to the 1st day of class. The process for receiving and tracking proof of vaccination are in process.

Will students be dropped if they don't show proof of a current COVID vaccination?

We are examining the best approach to managing this situation.

Can we consider easy ways to help students prove vaccination? Instead of requiring them to email a copy, perhaps they could meet with staff via Zoom and show their card?

Plans are being considered on how to collect proof of vaccination.

Students studying online may not be vaccinated. If they require face-to-face services on campus (student services, library, bookstore, etc.), what is the procedure/policy?

Pending policy approval, students will not be able to receive face-to-face services without a vaccine. Students will be required to provide proof prior to receiving such services.

Will Palomar establish a policy on remaining current vis-a-vis immunization?

This is represented in the proposed policy. All students and employees are required to be vaccinated, per the CDC vaccination schedule for all vaccines.

How are CSUs and UCs mandating vaccinations?

The CSUs are mandating vaccinations through the establishment of a policy approved by their respective Governing Board.

I am an international student and need to get my COVID-19 vaccination. What should I do?

We are actively researching the most efficient approach to this topic.

FACIAL COVERINGS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS

What about face masks in public spaces as well as private offices?

The District will continue to adhere to public health guidelines. As of June 15, the California Department of Public Health and the County of San Diego Department of Public Health Services will align their masking policy with the recent masking guidelines issued by Center for Disease Control Prevention. These guidelines include:*

- Fully vaccinated Californians are not required to wear a mask outdoors except at crowded events.*
- In indoor settings, individuals do not need to wear a mask if they are alone in their office, but, in common areas, masks are required as is social distancing, no matter the status of vaccination.*

**As additional guidelines are issued, we will update this information.*

Will public venues like the Cashiers Office, Food Pantry, Library, etc. require masks?

These are enclosed indoor common areas of the campus, and masks are required as is social distancing, no matter of the status of vaccination. This requirement is per the effective date of June 15, when the California Public Health Department and the County of San Diego Department of Public Health Services will align their masking policy with the recent masking guidelines issued by Center for Disease Control Prevention.*

**As guidelines are updated, the information will be posted.*

Is it OK for me to meet with my professor in their office?

Currently, it is recommended that meetings with your professor be held in the classroom when available or, even better, outside on the campus. Masks must be worn, and social distance protocols must be followed.

Will district requirements be established for areas such as the Student Union and outside areas?

Per the guidance from the California Public Health Department and the County of San Diego Department of Public Health Services, effective June 15, vaccinated individuals are not required to wear masks outdoors. Indoor health and safety guidelines issued by the CDC, California Department of Public Health, and County of San Diego Departments of Public Health Services will be enforced.*

**As guidelines are updated, the information will be posted.*

Will there be enforcement of social distancing, for example, a maximum number of students/employees/guests who can enter specific rooms on campus, including restrooms, elevators, lobbies and offices?

Appropriate signage will be installed at the entryways with a specific indication of the number of maximum individuals permitted at one time. Guidelines will be enforced accordingly.*

**As guidelines are updated, this information will be posted.*

PALOMAR APP SELF-MONITORING TOOL

How will the Palomar College mobile COVID-19 app work? What about fully vaccinated students & employees?

All students and employees, regardless of vaccination status, will be required to complete a set of questions regarding body temperature and COVID-19 symptoms. Depending on the answers to these questions, the app will provide an indication if you should stay home or come to campus. Upon arriving at campus, students and employees will be required to show proof of validation to come to campus.