



Welcome to the Fall 2021 semester!

We have a few important updates and clarifications on our COVID-19 health related policies for you. These policies are designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and safety of you and Palomar College employees.

First, all students and employees, regardless of vaccination status are required to:

- stay at home if not feeling well, and complete a [COVID-19 questionnaire](#) to report symptoms,
- prior to coming to a campus or education center, successfully complete a health pre-screening questionnaire through the [My Palomar App](#) or through a web form at this [link in English](#) or in [Spanish here](#),
- wear a facial covering over the nose and mouth, while indoors on campus or at an education center, and
- respect the request of others to maintain social distancing.

Second, if the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) fully approves a COVID-19 vaccine, the District may require students taking face-to-face classes and employees working onsite, to be vaccinated for COVID-19. If this does occur, the District will send out the details regarding the vaccine requirement. There is an expectation that the FDA will approve a vaccine in the coming weeks.

If in fact, the vaccination requirement goes into effect, students who do not wish to receive the COVID-19 vaccine can,

- request an exemption for religious or medical reasons, and if approved, submit to free weekly COVID-19 testing at the main campus or education centers, or
- change their course schedule and take online courses instead of face-to-face courses, or
- work with their instructor to complete a face-to-face class online for the remainder of the semester.

If you have questions regarding the above information, please email vpstudentservices@palomar.edu

Your success, health, and safety are our focus! Please contact student services at any of the links below should you need assistance.

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