

COVID-19 Campus Guidelines and Resources



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The information and plans presented
will adapt as conditions change.



Every member of the UC Santa Cruz community plays a critical role in our COVID-19 response and recovery.

Slug Strong Resources

The Slug Strong website contains a variety of information for the members of the campus community to stay informed about the latest status of operations and the resources available to students, faculty and staff.

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News and Updates
Stay informed with the latest information on the campus recovery.


Returning to Campus
UC Santa Cruz is resuming more on-campus operations. Employees can learn more about what is needed to return to UC Santa Cruz sites.


Reporting and Tracking COVID-19
Preventing the spread of COVID-19 is one of our highest priorities.


Keep Teaching
The Center for Innovations in Teaching & Learning is providing support and resources for instructors.


Support for Students
UC Santa Cruz continues to provide an array of support services so students—on campus or remote—can continue to thrive both personally and academically during this uncertain time.


Support for Employees
Staff Human Resources and the Academic Personnel Office are providing assistance and resources for employees.

Banana Slugs—we can't wait for you to be back on campus this fall.

Through the summer, UC Santa Cruz will be resuming more in-person activities to be ready for the start of fall quarter.

This site is meant to provide everyone in our campus community with crucial information as we resume more in-person research, teaching, and work. Together we are Slug strong.

Questions or feedback? Please email publicaffairs@ucsc.edu.

<https://slugstrong.ucsc.edu>

Campus Recovery and Resiliency Planning Context



Campus recovery and resiliency planning is framed by several national, state, and county factors. The state of California continues to adapt guidelines and requirements based on current conditions. A summary of the statewide framework can be found at the [California COVID-19 website](#). The campus also operates California Department of Public Health [Safer at Work framework](#). The UC Office of the President has also outlined [fall prevention strategies](#) that the campus follow.

In addition, campus planning teams are continually monitoring data in the counties with UCSC locations. Data tracked include, but are not limited to: county forecasting models, disease transmission rates, hospitalization figures, and hospital capacity.

The campus plan is an adaptive one that can adjust as conditions around us change.

Guiding Principles

The following guiding principles frame in-person operations:

1. The health and wellbeing of students, employees, visitors, and members of the broader community will be at the forefront of all planning and decisions;
2. The institutional mission of teaching and research (regardless of method of instruction) will be prioritized;
3. All activities and operational plans will comply with current governmental orders and guidance, including CDC Guidance for Higher Education Institutions, California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Santa Cruz County Public Health, Santa Clara Public Health, Monterey County Public Health Department, Cal/OSHA Guidance, American College Health Association Guidance, and EEOC Guidance. In addition, in-person operations must comply with University of California policies and guidelines;
4. There will be clear policies and protocols for what is expected of community members and mechanisms in place to educate, promote and enforce compliance;
5. Campus community members will be expected to embrace their social responsibility for each other by abiding by state and local orders and University policies and protocols.

Fall 2021 Strategy

The following represents the current fall strategy. This is subject to change.

INSTRUCTION

67% of classes will be in person and all classes over 150 will be remote

HOUSING

Housing will be near capacity, with space allocated for quarantine and isolation

RESEARCH

COVID related requirements can be found on the [OR website](#).

OPERATIONS

Operations needed to support in-person teaching, learning, living and research will be on-site

This strategy is based on the following assumptions:

- Vaccine mandate for employees and students
- Required masking (regardless of vaccination status) for indoor shared or public space
- Regular required testing for those with an approved exception to the vaccine mandate
- Regular symptom checks will continue

Symptom Check

All individuals accessing campus sites, are required to check their symptoms daily.

Employees are required to use a symptom check survey, which alerts their supervisor about whether they have been cleared to access the campus. Students also have a required symptom check protocol using Health e-Messenger if they are accessing campus. Visitors to campus must complete the visitor symptom check survey. A FAQ for visitors is available online.

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Training

All employees and students accessing campus sites are required to complete a COVID-19 training module. Information on the training is available online.



Face Coverings

All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, must wear face coverings while inside campus facilities, including classrooms. Individuals are not required to wear face coverings when alone in offices not open to the public or when in a personal residence or private residence-hall room, though they will be required in shared spaces such as residence-hall hallways, group bathrooms and lounges.



Face Coverings

- A face covering is defined by Cal/OSHA as a surgical mask, a medical procedure mask, a respirator worn voluntarily, or a tightly woven fabric or non-woven material of at least two layers.
- A face covering has no visible holes or openings and must cover the nose and mouth.
- A face covering **does not include** a scarf, ski mask, balaclava, bandana, turtleneck, collar, or single layer of fabric.

CDC MASK RECOMMENDATIONS

Masks are a simple barrier to help prevent your respiratory droplets from reaching others. Follow these CDC guidelines* when choosing a mask to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Medical or Surgical Grade



Well fitted around nose and chin



Breathable fabric (i.e. cotton)



Tightly woven fabric with no visible light



Masks with 2 or 3 layers of fabric



Masks with an inner filter pocket

Face coverings that are made from a single layer of fabric (bandana, scarf, balaclava, turtleneck) should not be used. Coverings with exhalation valves or vents allow virus particles to escape. Avoid using material that makes it difficult to breath.



*Visit [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for additional face covering resources.

Physical Distancing

There are not currently physical distancing requirements across campus. Some units, based on guidelines from the [Cal/OSHA](#) may be required to institute physical distancing requirements in certain situations. They include:

- Employers must evaluate whether it is necessary to implement physical distancing and barriers during an outbreak (3 or more cases in an exposed group of employees)
- Employers must implement physical distancing and barriers during a major outbreak (20 or more cases in an exposed group of employees)



Symptomatic Testing

Symptomatic testing for students can be done at the Student Health Center (SHC). Employees should contact their health care provider.

The SHC is the point of contact with the county for any follow up outreach and communication required as part of contact tracing for positive cases.



**Asymptomatic
Testing -
Unvaccinated**

Testing requirements for students and employees can be found on the Student Health Center [site](#).

The asymptomatic testing program is a critical part of campus COVID-19 mitigation strategy. **Unvaccinated** individuals covered by the UC vaccination policy must comply with the following asymptomatic testing plan.

**UC Santa Cruz - Asymptomatic Testing Strategy*
for Unvaccinated UCSC students and employees**

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, even if you're vaccinated, contact the UCSC Student Health Center (students) or your medical provider (employees).

Population	Frequency	Type
UG & Grad Students who live in University housing	Pre-arrival Test required for move in and then at least every 4 days post arrival	Mandatory***
UG & Grad Students, Employees and Faculty who live off campus and come on-site** for any reason	Test required at least every 4 days	Mandatory***
UG & Grad Students, Employees and Faculty who live off campus and do not come on-site**	As desired	Voluntary
Any student who is symptomatic or exposed to COVID-19 + person	Must consult with Student Health Services	As directed

* Nothing on this chart supercedes or replaces the requirements of the University of California's SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccination Policy. Testing populations, mandates, frequencies are subject to change based on campus & local conditions, state/county requirements, or other factors.

** "On-site" refers to any UCSC owned or operated facility where students or employees come to live, work or otherwise engage in programs, services and activities; includes UCSC sponsored programs, meetings, field research, etc., hosted at off-site venues.

*** Testing not required for those who tested positive for COVID-19 in last 3 months. Submit proof to Student Health via Health e-Messenger. Rev 09/10/21

Asymptomatic Testing - Vaccinated

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UC Santa Cruz - Asymptomatic Testing Strategy* for Vaccinated UCSC students and employees

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, even if you're vaccinated, contact the UCSC Student Health Center (students) or your medical provider (employees).

Population	Frequency	Type
UG & Grad Students who live in University housing	Pre-arrival test required for move in AND once within 5-7 days of return	Mandatory***
UG & Grad Students who live off-campus and come on-site** for any reason	Test required once by Sept. 30th	Mandatory***
UG & Grad Students who live, work, learn or come on-site** for any reason	After mandatory tests complete, as desired	Voluntary
Employees and Faculty who live, work, learn or come on-site** for any reason	As desired	Voluntary
UG & Grad Students, Employees and Faculty who live off-campus and do not come on-site**	As desired	Voluntary

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Interim Public Health Policy

An Interim Public Health Policy is in effect and outlines compliance requirements. Violation of that policy can result in disciplinary action or suspension of campus access rights.

INTERIM Public Health Policy: BAS-0011
Effective Date: September 8, 2020
Last Revision Date: July 7, 2021
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Interim Public Health Policy

(Policy BAS-0011)

I. Purpose of the Policy

This interim policy was initially issued due to a Public Health emergency (COVID-19). This updated interim policy is being reissued to incorporate changing COVID-19 public health guidance and regulations and is effective immediately. This updated interim policy will remain in effect for six months from date of issue and is renewable by the Chancellor or the Campus Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor based on guidelines and recommendations regarding the incidence and spread of the COVID-19 virus. It sets forth basic requirements, including use of face coverings and physical distancing, applicable to all individuals entering or present on UCSC Controlled Property, to mitigate and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 ("Requirements").

This interim policy directs all members of the community, including guests, to be socially responsible and support the public health of the UCSC community.

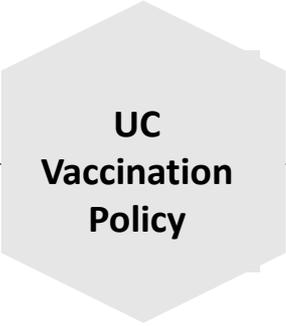
All campus constituents, including, but not limited to, staff, faculty, emeriti, students and official volunteers, and non-affiliates, including, but not limited to, vendors, service providers, suppliers, visitors, visiting family members and guests, must adhere to these Requirements at all times.

Non-compliance with this policy threatens public health and the health of members of the campus community. Any individual found to be in violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with applicable collective bargaining agreements, or faculty, staff personnel, or Code of Student Conduct policies. Violators will be required to comply, or their consent to remain on campus will be withdrawn consistent with applicable state law. See Cal. Penal Code §§ 626.2, 626.4, and 626.6.

II. Definitions

Campus affiliate: Includes students, officers, official volunteers, employees, Regents, or emeriti of the University of California or a member of a household authorized to reside in University property. For the purposes of this policy, Campus affiliate(s) will be referred to as individual(s).

Non-affiliate: For the purposes of this policy, "non-affiliate" means any person who is not any of the following: a student, officer, official volunteer, employee, Regent, or emeritus of the University of California or a member of a household authorized to reside in University property. This includes all persons seeking entry to or present on University property and

The logo is a light gray hexagon with a white border. Inside the hexagon, the text "UC Vaccination Policy" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. "UC" is on the top line, "Vaccination" is on the second line, and "Policy" is on the third line. A thin blue horizontal line extends from the right side of the hexagon across the page.

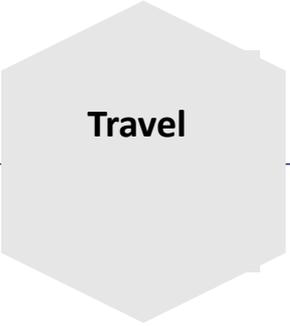
UC Vaccination Policy

The [University of California vaccination policy](#) requires that students and employees are vaccinated. University personnel categories covered by the policy include faculty, other academic appointees, and staff, including but not limited to visiting, volunteer, without salary, and emeritus/a professors, visiting or volunteer academic appointees, contract, recall, and emeritus/a employees. This also includes official volunteers as defined in the [Regulations Governing Conduct of Non-Affiliates in the Buildings and on the Grounds of the University of California](#).

A person accessing a Healthcare Location as a patient, or an art, athletics, entertainment, or other publicly accessible venue at a Location as a member of the public, is not covered by the vaccination policy but must abide by the requirements outlined for visitors.

Information for submitting proof of vaccination is available on the [Student Health Center site](#).

Individuals may request an exception to the policy for medical, religious, or disability related reasons. Information on how to submit an exception request is available on the [Student Health Center site](#).



Travel

Employees and students should follow the travel guidelines and restrictions laid out by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The CDC recommends delaying travel until vaccinated. The campus does not have additional COVID-19 restrictions for business travel. Information on research related travel requirements can be found at the [Office of Research COVID-19 site](#).



Campus
Visitors

Campus visitors not covered by the UC Vaccine Policy, must comply with the following:

Face coverings: All visitors to campus, regardless of vaccination status, must wear face coverings while inside campus facilities. Individuals are not required to wear face coverings when alone in offices not open to the public or when in a personal residence or private residence-hall room, though they will be required in shared spaces such as residence-hall hallways, group bathrooms and lounges.

Symptom checks: All visitors to campus, regardless of vaccination status, must complete the [daily symptom check survey](#).

Attendance at campus events: All visitors attending campus events must comply with the guidelines laid out by event sponsors.

Presence at public access facilities: Campus visitors accessing public access facilities such as the Seymour Center, Libraries, etc, must comply with guidelines laid out by facility managers.

Campus Events

The state of California has set out requirements for [mega-events](#). Mega-events are indoor events with 1,000 or more people and outdoor events with 10,000 or more people. Anyone attending a mega-event must submit proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test.

In addition, the campus may require attendees at events, depending on the size and location, to submit proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test.

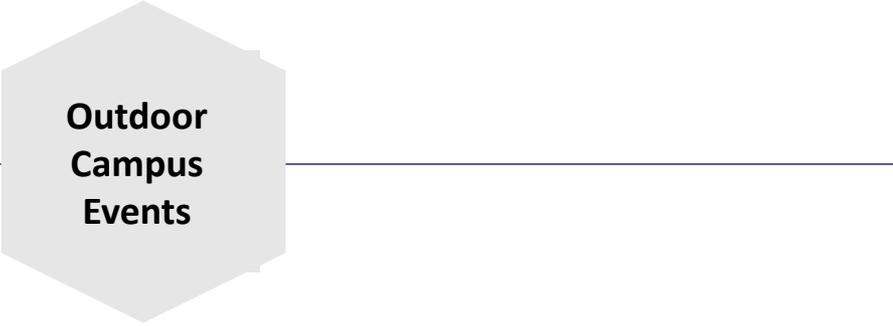
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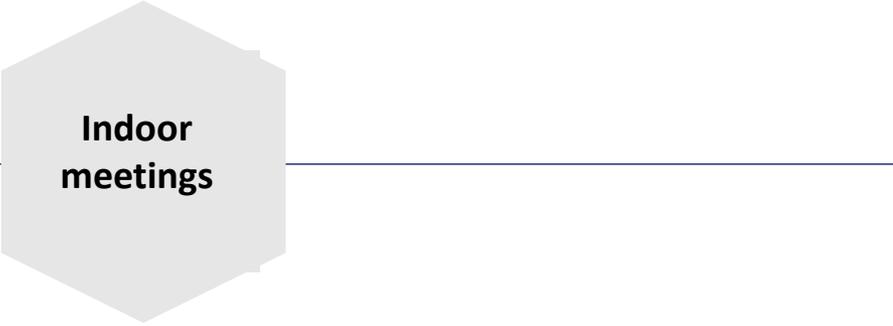
Indoor
Campus
Events

- All on-site indoor events with expected attendance of **25** or more attendees will require proof of vaccination or a recent negative COVID-19 test result (taken within 72 hours of the start of the event) for admittance.
- The host or event coordinator should provide attendees reasonable notice of the requirements of the event in advance. If proof of vaccination or a negative test is required, the entrance requirements can be met in the following ways:
 - Any attendee can show their CDC Vaccine Card (phone image acceptable) or digital vaccine record from the State of California. International attendees may show their translated vaccine record.
 - Any attendee can show a negative COVID-19 test result from the last 72 hours (must be a lab PCR test; home tests/antigen tests are not valid).
- Attendees who do not meet specified event requirements will not be permitted entry.
- Accurate attendee registration is recommended for all events to aid in contact tracing if needed.
- If food or beverages are served during the indoor event, event sponsors should follow any county specific guidelines related to food service. In addition, it is recommended that attendees have the ability to eat their meal outdoors if desired.



Outdoor Campus Events

- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a recent negative COVID-19 test result (taken within 72 hours of the start of an event) is not required for outdoor events. Event organizers may choose to require these measures as long as it applies to all of their attendees.
- Event organizers are strongly encouraged to consider requiring face coverings for their outdoor events where there is the possibility of high density or close contact, although doing so is not required at this time for exclusively outdoor events.



Indoor meetings

- Indoor meetings include academic classes or seminars, department meetings, laboratory meetings or other routine business meetings. Participants, attendees and organizers include all categories of campus constituents: students, employees, guests, contractors, volunteers and visitors.
- Approved face coverings are required for everyone regardless of vaccination status and must cover both nose and mouth when indoors.
- No drink or food is to be consumed in academic classes or seminars in order to eliminate the removal of masks during instruction. If food or beverages are served at other indoor meetings, meeting sponsors should follow any county specific guidelines related to food service. It is recommended that attendees have the ability to eat their meal outdoors if desired.
- Organizers are encouraged to provide a remote meeting attendance option when hosting an in-person meeting, when feasible.

Public Access Facilities (e.g., Seymour Center, University Libraries, Recreational Facilities):

- All Campus Visitors, regardless of vaccination status, are required to abide by the following:
- Approved face coverings are required for everyone regardless of vaccination status and must cover both nose and mouth when indoors.
- Campus Visitors must complete a Daily Symptom Survey prior to entering facilities and physical spaces.
- Facilities may prohibit the consumption of food or beverages indoors. If eating or drinking *is* permitted indoors in a particular facility, individuals should physically distance when eating and drinking. Campus visitors who do not comply with policies will not be permitted to access the facility and be asked to leave.

COVID-19 Supplies

COVID-19 supplies, equipment, or workspace modifications to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, can be requested through the Environmental Health and Safety supplies request form. Once a supplies request has been approved, individuals will be contacted with details for scheduling pick up items.

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COVID-19 Supplies Request Form

To request supplies, equipment, or workspace modifications to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, please complete this form. All requests will be evaluated by EH&S staff prior to fulfillment. Once a supplies request has been approved, you will be contacted with details for scheduling pick up of your items.

This form is to be used for COVID-19 related procurement ONLY. All other purchases should be managed through normal procurement processes.

PLEASE READ:

In Section 1: Make requests for exposure control supplies.

In Section 2: Make requests for workspace modifications such as acrylic barriers and physical distancing floor markers.

In Section 3: Make requests for any non-standard COVID-19 health and safety equipment or work.

Your email will be recorded when you submit this form

Not sclatham@ucsc.edu? [Switch account](#)

* Required

Reporting confirmed COVID-19 cases or exposures is a critical aspect of campus COVID-19 mitigation strategies.

- **Employees:** Employees who have tested positive for COVID-19, or were exposed to someone who tested positive, should email their supervisor.
- **Supervisors:** Supervisors should report confirmed COVID-19 cases or exposures to the COVID-19 Symptom Check Officer at check@ucsc.edu. They should **not** include additional health information.
- **Students:** Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 should call Student Health Services at 831-459-2591 so that medical staff members are aware and coordinate care if needed.

Tracking COVID-19

The campus updates the COVID-19 case rates daily online on the [campus dashboard](#).

SAMPLE DASHBOARD FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES. FOR CURRENT FIGURES ACCESS THE LIVE DASHBOAD ONLINE.

UC Santa Cruz Vaccination Rates

<p>Student Compliance Percentage As of 8/27/21</p> <p>65%</p>	<p>Employee Compliance Percentage As of 8/27/21</p> <p>60%</p>
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UC Santa Cruz COVID-19 Testing and Results

Quarter: (All) Start Date: 7/14/2020 End Date: 8/29/2021 Most Recent Date with Data: August 27, 2021

Select Category: On/Off Campus

Cumulative UC Santa Cruz Affiliated Cases to Date

347
 243 Students
 104 Employees
 Note: Cumulative cases include those self-reported by students and employees who received testing off campus.

Cumulative COVID-19 Test Results from the UC Santa Cruz Molecular Diagnostic Laboratory

		Total Positive Tests	Total Tests Performed	Positivity Rate
Employee	Off Campus	50	16,332	0.31%
Student	On Campus	49	38,086	0.13%
	Off Campus	191	40,384	0.47%
Grand Total		290	94,802	0.31%

Total Known Cases for UC Santa Cruz Students and Employees from On-Site Laboratory
290

Number of Cases of Person-to-Person Transmission on Campus
0

COVID-19 Test Results from 7/14/2020 to 8/29/2021

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Total Tests Performed for UC Santa Cruz Students and Employees at On-Site Laboratory
94,802

Total Tests Performed at On-Site Laboratory
127,683

7-Day Positivity Rate for UCSC Students and Employees from On-Site Laboratory 1.35%	Number of Students in Quarantine/Isolation 1 Students in Quarantine 21 Students in Isolation	Number of Active Cases in Santa Cruz County 893	Santa Cruz County 7-Day Positivity Rate 4.40%
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Campus Affiliation
■ Employee
■ Student
■ Total Known Cases

Fostering Community and Resiliency

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The campus COVID-19 response strategies are intended to support not only public health, but also the resiliency of campus students, faculty and staff and a sense of community through challenging times. The [Slug Strong website](#) contains several resources, training opportunities, wellness circles and other assistance to support all Banana Slugs.

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Together we
can curb
COVID-19

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This document represents the status of the campus resumption plan as of September 29, 2021. Plans are subject to change without notice. Updates will be issued as plans adapt.