



September 2, 2021

Dear Palomar College Students,

It is important to understand the District's steadfast commitment to the health and safety of students and employees. You can find a complete list of the District's COVID-19 mitigation and prevention strategies [here](#).

Last week you received communication regarding a mandatory weekly COVID-19 diagnostic screening of **students taking face-to-face courses**. All students taking face-to-face courses who received an approved medical or religious exemption from the COVID-19 vaccine requirement on or after October 11, are required to undergo weekly diagnostic COVID-19 testing. Testing stations will be made available on Monday, October 11 at all Palomar College locations.

We understand the challenges you may experience in completing the COVID-19 vaccine or approved exemption requirement by **Monday, October 11**. However, it is extremely important that you make every effort necessary to comply with this requirement by the deadline.

Through the [My Palomar Student Portal](#) **Students taking face-to-face courses** can:

1. submit proof of vaccination or,
2. request for a religious or medical exemption from the COVID-19 vaccine

Specific instructions are available [here](#).

If you are unable to complete one of the above requirements by Monday, October 11, please contact [vpstudentservices@palomar.edu](mailto:vpstudentservices@palomar.edu). We are committed to assisting you with the completion of your educational goals this semester.

Stay well,

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