



PALOMAR COLLEGE STUDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

May 4, 2022

As we enter the final stretch of the spring semester, we want to share some updates about the health and safety requirements that will be in place during the summer and fall terms.

Facial Coverings Are Optional Starting May 31 but Strongly Recommended

Starting at the beginning of summer session on Tuesday, May 31, facial coverings will no longer be required in indoor spaces at the main campus or education centers. However, for your protection, it is strongly recommended that you continue to wear a facial covering indoors. For those who wish to continue wearing facial coverings, the District will make them available.

Per healthcare setting regulations, our Health Services department will continue to require facial coverings indoors.

Although we may hold different opinions, our expectation is that every one of our students, staff, and visitors will be treated with respect, civility, and understanding.

Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination is No Longer Required to Register for Summer and Fall Onsite Courses

The Vaccination and Immunization Plan, which created the requirement for vaccinations, will sunset on May 31, 2022. As a result, proof of full COVID-19 vaccination is no longer required to register for summer and fall onsite courses at the main campus or education centers. In addition, onsite COVID-19 testing stations will no longer be available beginning May 31, 2022.

Don't forget - priority registration begins on May 9 and open registration begins on May 16. If you have any questions regarding course selection or need assistance of any kind, please visit the [Student Success webpage](#) to find contact information for your student services team or email studenthelp@palomar.edu.

Cleared4 Daily Health Screening Required

For the summer and fall terms, all students and employees are required to use the Cleared4 daily health screening and be cleared to be onsite BEFORE coming to the campus or education centers. Here is specific information on using the Cleared4 daily health screening:

- In your palomar.edu email, locate and open Welcome email from no-reply@cleared4work.com or a text message from 833-635-1086.
- The link contained in the Welcome email is YOUR PERSONAL LINK. Please do not forward this link to anyone. It contains information specific to you.
- Click on the link and register your personal information.
- You will be able to set your preferences to receive daily reminders via email or text.
- Please look for the daily reminder and take the survey before coming to campus or education centers.

Continued COVID-19 Mitigation Measures

For those who may have concerns about facial covering guidance changes, I want to assure you that we still have other COVID-19 mitigation strategies in place.

- The District requires those who are not feeling well to stay home and report illnesses through the COVID-19 questionnaire [at this link](#). The COVID-19 Response Action Team (CRAT) will continue to manage COVID-19 cases on the main campus and education centers.
- Cleared4 Daily Health Screening is required.
- Upgrades to the air-filtration systems are complete.
- Facial coverings will be made available to any member of the campus community.

While we know these updates contain welcome news for some who have been eager to reach this milestone, we also recognize that it may cause anxiety for others. Below are resources to assist you.

- Students with general questions or concerns may contact vpstudentservices@palomar.edu.
- Students in need of Behavioral Health Counseling Services (BHCS), including consultation and confidential mental health services, should call (760) 891-7531 or email bhcs@palomar.edu.

As we continue to move forward together, the District remains committed to supporting our students, employees, and community and ensuring they feel safe and valued. Administrators will continue to monitor the local COVID-19 situation and consult with local public health officials for the Fall 2022 semester and beyond and adjust as necessary.