



## **COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination or Proof of Weekly COVID-19 Testing Policy** *Effective September 30, 2021*

Policy Name: BP 2905 SAR COV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccination and Testing Requirement

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **1. When does the vaccine/testing policy become effective?**

- The District adopted a **vaccine-only** [Board Policy 2905 \(BP 2905\)](#) starting **spring 2022**. To physically access any District facility, you must show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19, unless exempt for medical or religious reasons. Details about exemptions are provided below. The policy will be effective on **January 3, 2022**.
- If you are taking 100% remote and/or online instruction, then you will not be required to provide proof of full vaccination unless you plan to physically access a District facility.
- BP 2905 will be strictly enforced. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary actions.

#### **2. Do we have to wear masks indoors while on campus?**

Yes. As of July 28, 2021, the State of California required masks for all individuals indoors, regardless of vaccine status. Cerritos College follows federal, state, and local recommendations. Our [Return-to-Campus \(RTC\) plan](#) states masks must be worn indoors while on District property.

#### **3. I am unvaccinated**

If you are not vaccinated, you will be required to submit proof of a negative COVID-19 test on a weekly basis. PCR testing must be completed no earlier than 72-hour prior to your first arrival on-campus each week.

#### **4. Where can I get tested?**

Free COVID-19 testing is available at the Student Health Center for students, employees, and vendors. For detailed information on testing, how to upload your results, and other information, please visit our [COVID-19 testing](#) page.

- **Student Health Center Testing**

The Student Health Services offers walk-up testing (no appointment necessary) in front of the Student Health Center on the following days:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Saturday, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- **Los Angeles County Testing Sites**

You are not required to utilize District testing sites. A testing site that is most convenient for you is acceptable if you utilize a PCR or antigen test administered by a medical provider (i.e., no at-home tests).

- For testing locations in Los Angeles County, please visit: <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/>.

## 5. When do I need to get tested?

- A weekly negative COVID-19 test is required. The test date must be administered no earlier than 72-hours prior to your first time on campus for the week.
- If you plan on using the Student Health Services testing system on campus, please refer to the chart below for testing guidelines.

<b>First day on campus for the week</b>	<b>Testing Date (no sooner than 72-hours before first day on-campus each week*)</b>
Monday	Friday
Tuesday	Saturday
Wednesday	Monday
Thursday	Monday
Friday	Wednesday

Be advised it takes between 48-60 hours after testing to receive your results. Individuals are responsible for ensuring their testing results have been received and uploaded into the OptimumHQ system prior to their first arrival on campus each week.

## 8. How can students/employees get vaccines?

- The Moderna vaccine is available through the Student Health Center by appointment.
- Or, schedule a vaccination appointment online at <https://myturn.ca.gov/> or call 1-833-422-4255, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## 9. What does “fully vaccinated” mean?

“Fully vaccinated” against COVID-19 will be as defined by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#).

- Two (2) weeks have passed after their second shot of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. Both doses must be received within a twelve (12) week period.
- Two (2) weeks have passed after the solo dose of Janssen/J&J vaccine.

The District will follow booster guidance from the CDC.

## 10. How do I show proof of vaccination?

Students and employees should upload their vaccination cards through the Optimum HQ portal. Student Health Services/Human Resources staff will review and verify the information.

## 11. What is acceptable proof of vaccination?

According to [covid19.ca.gov](#), the following is acceptable proof of vaccination. Your original CDC COVID-19 vaccination record card, which includes:

- Name of person vaccinated
- Date of birth
- Type of vaccine provided
- Lot number
- Date last dose administered
- Site where administered
- A photo or paper copy of your CDC COVID-19 vaccination record card
- A photo or your vaccination record card stored on a phone or other electronic device
- Paper or digital documentation of vaccination from a health care provider or other issuer
- A Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record (DCVR)

## 12. Who will maintain the vaccine/testing documentation?

- Employee information will be maintained by Human Resources.
- Student information will be maintained by Student Health Services.
- Visitor/contractor information will be maintained by Student Health Services.

## 13. Are medical exemptions or religious exemptions allowed?

- Yes. Request a medical or religious exemptions from vaccination, as prescribed by law.

- The Vaccination/Testing Program is effective from January 3, 2022.
- This exemption process will not apply to non-pharmaceutical interventions or requirements such as face coverings, social distancing, required weekly COVID-19 testing, etc. If implemented, the exemption process will only apply to any vaccination requirement.
- Within the Vaccination/Testing Program, individuals have the option to provide either proof of full vaccination OR weekly negative tests. A request for exemption from the vaccine will not be needed unless a vaccine mandate is implemented. Until that time, those who do not provide proof of full vaccination may submit weekly testing results. At this time exemptions from the testing requirement are not being considered.
- If you have questions about exemption requests, please contact:
  - Employees - contact Human Resources at [employeeexemptions@cerritos.edu](mailto:employeeexemptions@cerritos.edu)
  - Students - contact Student Services at [studentexemptions@cerritos.edu](mailto:studentexemptions@cerritos.edu)

**14. I am pregnant. Will I be eligible for a medical accommodation?**

- Each case is unique. We will work with each student/employee to address their concerns.
- Pregnant students requesting medical accommodation should contact [pregnantseas@cerritos.edu](mailto:pregnantseas@cerritos.edu) for assistance.
- Pregnant employees requesting medical accommodation should contact [HRAdministration@cerritos.edu](mailto:HRAdministration@cerritos.edu)

**15. Will the District accept international proof of vaccines?**

Consistent with CDC and CDPH guidance, the College will accept proof of full vaccination with any international vaccine that has been authorized for emergency use by WHO through the EUL process. People who have completed a COVID-19 vaccination series with one of these vaccines do not need additional doses with an FDA- licensed or -authorized COVID-19 vaccine.

**16. What if I experience flu-like symptoms because of the vaccine?**

Students should contact their faculty/instructors regarding minor illnesses or to address any significant issues. Employees should contact their managers.

**17. I am at high risk for severe illness if I contract COVID-19 (e.g., immunocompromised). What accommodation will be made for me?**

- Students requesting a COVID-19 vaccine and/or mask exemption should submit a **Medical Exemption and/or Disability Exception Request Form** through the [SAS website](#).

- The Dean of Student Accessibility and Wellness Services will review the exemption request. Students seeking reasonable academic adjustments to address COVID-19 related concerns will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- Employees should contact Michael Meadors (mmeadors@cerritos.edu) to discuss their situation and possible accommodations.

**18. What are the consequences of non-compliance for students and employees?**

- All students are expected to follow the Standards of Student Conduct (BP 5500). Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in instructor removal from class and/or possible formal disciplinary actions that may include consequences such as formal warning, probation, interim suspension, and/or long-term suspension.
- Employees who fail or refuse to comply with the vaccination or testing requirements shall be placed on unpaid leave and disciplined for cause as set forth in Education Code Section 87732.