COVID-19 Safety & Prevention Measures

Caltech is continually updating its COVID-19 protocols based on guidelines recommended by the State, LA County, and City of Pasadena Departments of Public Health. We are following Caltech’s guidelines closely and taking all necessary measures to ensure the health and safety of our students, volunteers, and staff. The Rise Program will be following a layered prevention strategy. We are closely monitoring the situation and will implement any necessary changes as they arise.

Prevention Strategies

- Vaccine mandate
- Mask Use
- Self-Evaluation at Home
- Physical distancing
- Handwashing and hand sanitizer
- Cleaning and Disinfection
- Screening testing
- Contact tracing, in combination with isolation and quarantine

Vaccine Mandate
Caltech has mandated full COVID-19 vaccination for employees and students, and will restrict access to indoor campus spaces to vaccinated individuals only. This means that all individuals, including visitors, who are eligible to receive the vaccine (i.e., everyone 12 years old or older and those without an approved exemption) must be prepared to show proof of vaccination when entering any indoor campus space.

Mask Use
All students, tutors and staff will be required to wear a mask while indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Masks will also be required outdoors when working with your tutor. Masks can be removed during the outdoor break time when physical distance is maintained.

Self-Evaluation at Home
Prior to coming to campus, all students must conduct a self-evaluation for wellness. Answer the following questions:

1. Do you have a fever of 100.4 or above?
2. Do you have a cough or are experiencing shortness of breath?
3. In the last 14 days, has anyone in your household had close contact with someone who has or is suspected to have COVID-19?
4. Are you currently in isolation due to a COVID-19 exposure risk?

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, please stay home.

**Physical Distancing**
Students will be seated next to their tutor, but space 3-6 feet of space will be between each tutoring table/pair.

**Handwashing and Hand Sanitizer**
Hand sanitizer will be provided during the student/tutor arrival time. Handwashing and hand sanitizer will again be provided before outdoor break time. Food and drink is only permitted during the outdoor break time.

**Cleaning and Disinfection**
All tutoring tables, chairs, and whiteboards will be cleaned and disinfected between uses.

**Screening Testing**
Voluntary COVID-19 tests are offered on PUSD campuses and at the district's primary clinic for all students and staff. Appointments can be made 8 a.m. - 3:30 pm by calling (626) 396-3600, ext 88180. To register go to: [https://home.color.com/covid/sign-up/start?partner=cdph094](https://home.color.com/covid/sign-up/start?partner=cdph094). If you test positive for COVID-19, contact the Rise Program immediately.

**Contact Tracing, Isolation and Quarantine**
The Rise Program will work with PUSD, Caltech, and local health departments, to the extent allowable by privacy laws and other applicable laws, to confidentially provide information about people diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19. This allows identifying which students, tutors, and staff with positive COVID-19 test results should isolate, and which close contacts should quarantine.

- Fully vaccinated close contacts should be referred for COVID-19 testing. If asymptomatic, fully vaccinated close contacts do not need to quarantine at home following an exposure (they can continue to attend school in-person and participate in other activities). They should wear a mask in all indoor public settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.
- Close contacts who are not fully vaccinated should be referred for COVID-19 testing. Regardless of test result, they should quarantine at home for 14 days after
exposure. Options to shorten quarantine provide acceptable alternatives of a 10-day quarantine or a 7-day quarantine combined with testing and a negative test result.

Get Vaccinated
Vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. We strongly encourage everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated to help schools safely return to in-person learning by reducing transmission risk. Learn more at www.pusd.us/vaccine
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