

SPRING 2022 – COVID FAQs

1. Will classes this spring semester be in person?

All scheduled in-person classes will continue to meet in person with the appropriate protocols. TUG and Grad classes begin on Monday, January 10, and DC classes begin on Tuesday, January 18.

All students and faculty are to wear masks in the classroom and faculty are to remain behind the plexiglass shield, where a fully vaccinated faculty member may remove their masks should they wish.

Please remember, if you're not feeling well and have any of the symptoms related to COVID-19, do not self-diagnose but rather stay home and follow protocol.

2. Will classes possibly move to a virtual format?

We recognize that the university **may need** to move classes to a virtual format out of an abundance of precaution. This could begin as early as the week of January 24, **should** that be necessary for the health of our community.

Prior to January 24, we will update the community with information on a) whether class instruction will be virtual and b) the length of virtual instruction should it be deemed necessary.

3. Is the vaccine required for employees at FPU?

At this time, we do not require the vaccine, however, as we have done since the vaccine first became available, we strongly encourage each person to become vaccinated and stay current with booster shots as applicable.

4. Is the vaccine required for students?

Residential students and student-athletes are required to receive the vaccine to live on campus/participate in athletics. At this time, other students are not required to get the vaccine, but we strongly encourage each person to become vaccinated and stay current with booster shots as applicable.

5. Will employees who are not vaccinated need to test weekly?

We are currently waiting for final information on the required COVID-19 testing for unvaccinated employees but are prepared to begin the testing in the coming weeks. Once the requirement is confirmed, additional information will be provided.

6. Is the dining hall open for meal service?

The dining hall will remain open for grab-and-go meal service, but will be closed for dine-in eating for the time being. The coffee shop is also open for takeout food and drinks.

7. Do I have to wear a mask on campus?

All community members and visitors (vaccinated and unvaccinated) must wear masks on all campuses while inside buildings (except when alone in a private office). In addition, masks are required to be worn outdoors when unable to socially distance from others.

8. Are complimentary masks available?

Yes, the university has a limited number of N95 masks and an ample supply of cloth masks, which are available and may be picked up on the main campus at the information desk, student development front desk, campus safety and human resources. In addition, masks are available at the front desk of each regional campus. You can also send requests for N95 masks to hr@fresno.edu.

9. Do I need to do a daily health screening of myself for COVID-19 symptoms prior to coming to campus?

Yes, all community members, including residential/commuter students, faculty, staff and adult students on regional campuses, must self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before arriving on any FPU campus, university property or venue used

for university purposes. In addition, anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19 should isolate themselves and get tested as soon as possible.

10. What do I do if I feel ill and how do I report my symptoms?

If you're not feeling well and have any of the COVID symptoms, do not self-diagnose, but rather stay home and follow these protocols:

TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE AND SEMINARY STUDENTS:

All traditional undergraduate and seminary students are to contact the Campus Life/Student Development Offices to report symptoms and testing information.

- Main campus students: Campus Life 559-453-2249
 - Office hours—Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Campus Safety (after hours)—559-453-2298

REGIONAL CAMPUS STUDENTS (Grad and Degree Completion)

Regional campus students are to contact the main phone line at their respective campus.

- Office hours—Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. & Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 - Bakersfield 661-617-4500
 - Merced 559-354-5900
 - North 559-573-7800
 - Visalia 559-302-4100
- Campus Safety (after hours)—559-453-2298

FACULTY (full time and adjunct)

If a faculty member has COVID-19 symptoms or is going to be tested for COVID-19, they are to contact the Human Resources Office and their supervisor. Please do not move classes online unless approved by HR and the Provost's Office.

- Human Resources 559-453-2115
- Office hours—Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Campus Safety (after hours)—559-453-2298

EMPLOYEES (except faculty)

- If an employee (except faculty) reports that they have COVID-19 symptoms or report they will be or have been tested for COVID-19, they need to notify their supervisor. The supervisor will then immediately contact the Human Resources Office for further instructions.

11. What do I do if I test positive for COVID-19?

Per the CDPH (California Department of Public Health), following a positive COVID-19 test, individuals must isolate for five days rather than the previously required 10-day period. A student or staff member may leave isolation and return to school or work on day six so long as all the following conditions are met:

- Symptoms are resolved or resolving, and the person has been without a fever for at least 24 hours. If symptoms are not resolved or resolving, and/or fever has been present within 24 hours, an individual must continue to isolate until day 10 or symptoms are resolved/resolving and/or fever-free for 24 hours.
- A negative test must be obtained on day five or later. A medically verified negative test must be obtained and provided to the school nurse for a student to return prior to day 11 following a positive COVID test or, if not tested, the onset of COVID-related symptoms.
- The individual must continue to wear a mask through day 10.

12. Where can I find the university's COVID-19 prevention plan?

The university's COVID-19 prevention plan is available at fpu.edu/covid19 or you can [click here](#) to view it.