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Last week's two-day vaccination process went very smoothly, and the Health & Safety Taskforce is grateful to everyone who helped to make it a success. With 764 vaccinations administered, it was an excellent example of the Keelhauler community working together. According to the experts, the vaccine will reach its maximum protectiveness two weeks after the vaccination date for those who received it by next Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

A few frequently asked questions:

- Can I still get COVID?  
Yes, it's still possible, but you are now 70-94% less likely to contract COVID. Those who chose not to be vaccinated are more vulnerable.
- Can we gather in groups without masks if we are vaccinated?  
**No!** Our campus protocols, including masking, distancing, and sanitizing, remain the same. Please also continue using the daily online health screening.
- Do I need to disclose my vaccination status?  
No. Whether individuals are vaccinated or not is each person's confidential medical information. However, the campus will confidentially request this information to determine cruise requirements (14-day quarantine for those not vaccinated will be mandatory and cannot leave the ship if port stops become available).

If you have been vaccinated outside of the campus event, we still encourage and appreciate it if you let us know. Students/cadets send information to [studenthealth@csum.edu](mailto:studenthealth@csum.edu) and employees to [covid19hs@csum.edu](mailto:covid19hs@csum.edu). All information is confidential.

Cal Maritime does not anticipate having another vaccination clinic. KQED has done an excellent job summarizing and linking vaccination opportunities in the Bay Area. If you want to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, Click on this link for more information: [Find Vaccination Opportunities NOW](#)

In addition, Solano County has recently opened up vaccination opportunities for “workers in education.” These definitions are inclusive, so there is an opportunity for any student, staff, or faculty member to try to sign up. All of us who have a Cal Maritime ID card and are “working” in education, which makes us eligible under this definition. Here is the link to [Solano County’s signup](#).

We still depend on tried-and-true preventative measures. The experts tell us that not all masks are created equal. Currently, the CDC is recommending [double masking](#). If you are relying on a single mask, please understand which ones are the most effective. Here’s [a recent segment](#) from CBS Sunday Morning that covers this important topic.

Random COVID testing continues. The next round will be on Thursday 03/25, and emails will come out tomorrow for those selected. They are testing in Rizza Lobby between 1000 and 1400. **You should continue testing whether vaccinated or not.**

**As of today, we have 0 cadets in offsite isolation, 0 cadet in onsite isolation, 0 cadet in offsite quarantine, and 0 cadets in onsite quarantine. In addition, we have 0 employees in isolation and 0 employees in quarantine.**

The following table represents our testing efforts and results since January 2021. It does include external results submitted. We will continue to keep this table updated and include it in our weekly newsletter. As always, we truly appreciate all your efforts and cooperation in helping keep our community safe.

Month	# of COVID Tests	# Isolated	# Quarantined
January	699/ 1	1	0
February	258/4	6	21
March	72/ 0	1	0
April	/		
May	/		

**Isolation** separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.

**Quarantine** separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick. In the second column is the # COVID tests administered, and that came back negative in green with positives in red.

We continue to add information to the [COVID website](#) and encourage cadets to share this information with family and provide feedback on any additional information that would be helpful during this difficult time.

Please email questions, comments, or suggestions to [covid19hs@csum.edu](mailto:covid19hs@csum.edu)