



1/5 Comm to Cadets/Return to Campus

Dear Cadets:

We are hopeful you had both a restful and healthy break.

As you know from news reports, the emergence of the highly transmissible omicron variant of the Covid-19 virus means that we will need to continue and even increase our health and safety protocols so that the upcoming semester can go forward with a minimum of interruption.

This message outlines those protocols and addresses important questions you may have related to the pandemic and your return:

- Cadets preparing to return to campus should try to get tested prior to returning to campus. Although rapid tests are not available everywhere and we are not requiring them, if you are able to get and take one it will give you valuable information prior to your return. If you have a positive result or are experiencing any Covid symptoms, please stay home until you are cleared by your medical provider.
- Weekly testing each Tuesday is required for unvaccinated cadets (approved accommodations required). Testing is available voluntarily for the entire campus community at the same events. Please ensure full registration at <https://avellinocov2.com/>, particularly medical insurance provider and number. Testing is held in the front room of the Technology Center along Maritime Academy Drive from noon to 2 pm.
- For this week only, one additional voluntary testing day has been scheduled: Thursday, January 6, 2022, from 0700 to 0800 in the same location as above. If interested, please register at: <https://avellinocov2.com/>. No appointment is needed.
- The daily health check continues as a critical component. If you have any symptoms that may indicate COVID, please don't come to campus or leave your dorm until you know it is not active COVID. Cadets should contact the Student Health Center at 707-654-1170.
- Face coverings remain mandatory indoors and are an important tool in keeping us all safe. If eating or drinking indoors, please maintain six feet of distance from others.
- Per recently announced [CSU policy](#) "fully vaccinated" is now defined as having received your most recent vaccination or booster within the last six months.

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- COVID-19 booster vaccines are required for cadets by **Monday, January 24, 2022**. Information will be provided for you to upload vaccination and booster information in the next week.

The pandemic landscape continues to be extremely dynamic and experts anticipate that the next two months will be particularly challenging. Stay updated by reading the COVID Weekly Newsletter, which will continue to be sent out each Thursday and visit <https://www.csum.edu/alert/covid-19/> for additional information.

Sincerely,

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