



AP 5900 Student COVID-19 Vaccinations and Testing

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The novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 and the disease it causes, COVID-19, is a global pandemic and has resulted in widespread severe illness and death worldwide, in the United States, and in California. The District is committed to providing a safe and healthy learning and working environment and has established the following procedures to assure cooperation with local public health officials in measures necessary for the prevention and control of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

On July 26, 2021, the State of California took action to combat the spread of COVID-19 by implementing a first-in-the-nation standard to require all state workers and workers in health care and high-risk congregate settings to either show proof of full vaccination or be tested at least once per week. All local government and other employers were encouraged to adopt a similar protocol. On July 27, 2021, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office urged all local districts to exercise their authority to adopt similar vaccination requirements. Students are encouraged to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and are required to follow testing and safety measures established by the administration based on federal, state, and local public health guidance.

Vaccinations

Vaccines are considered a safe and effective way of protecting our students, our faculty, our staff, and our campus communities against serious illness and death associated with the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

- The District will make vaccines regularly available at the main campus, in the Student Health Clinic.
- If the Student Health Clinic is not available for a period of time, greater than 7 consecutive days during a regular semester, an alternative site will be chosen and communicated to students.
- The Director of the Student Health Clinic will monitor and manage the vaccine supply.
- Remote and temporary vaccination opportunities may also be set up at remote sites and the main campus in areas frequented by students as needed (e.g. a parking lot, building lobby, classroom, or common area).
- The District may, if it chooses, contract a third-party vendor to monitor, maintain, and distribute COVID-19 vaccination.
- The District will ensure equitable and culturally competent distribution of vaccine information.
- The District may develop an incentive program to incentivize student to receive the primary series of vaccinations (e.g. 2 doses of Pfizer (Comurnity) and/or Moderna (SpikeVax), or one dose of Johnson & Johnson/Janssen). Incentives could include offering awards, monetary awards, gift cards, or tangible items.

- The District will establish a tiered system (based on growth versus population or other measures) to determine the effectiveness of the vaccination promotion campaign. A random sample survey of student will be used to determine population.
 - 0%-50% vaccination – Increase vaccination rate by 10% of unvaccinated
 - 51%-60% vaccination – Increase vaccination rate by 7.5% of unvaccinated
 - 61%-70% vaccination – Increase vaccination rate by 5% of unvaccinated
 - 80%+ – Maintain current vaccinated percentage at or above 80%

Testing

COVID-19 testing is an important tool in the fight against the virus. In addition to providing some epidemiological data from the campus community, testing is a fast and accurate way to differentiate between the SARS-CoV-2 virus and other upper respiratory pathology, such as seasonal rhinitis, influenza, and other pathogens.

- The District will develop a testing campaign for students aimed at informing students of the value of testing in the fight against the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.
- The District will provide on-campus testing at the Chico Center and at other District sites as needed. Tests may include rapid antigen tests, polymerase chain-reaction (PCR) tests, or any combination thereof. Testing results are communicated by the testing center to the person being testing via email and/or text message.
- Students who require testing for a specific campus program will be required to utilize testing made available by the District, whenever possible. Exceptions for on-campus testing will be granted on an individual basis by either the Director of Student Health or the program Dean. Exceptions must be reviewed and renewed per semester.
- The District may develop an incentive program to promote student testing.
- The Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness in collaboration with the Student Health Clinic will oversee the testing program. An ad hoc committee may also be formed to provide stakeholder input into the process.
- If the District cannot provide testing, the District will communicate alternatives available to students.
- The District will develop processes to determine the effectiveness of the campaign.

Self-Check

The District shall proactively encourage students to perform daily self-checks before attending on-campus events including, but not limited to, classes, conferences, groups, clubs, sporting events, orientations, or matters of business, perform a self-check for symptoms associated with COVID-19. Self-check should include:

- Fever (100.4 or higher)
- Sore Throat
- New Cough
- New Shortness of Breath
- New Muscle Aches
- New Diarrhea
- Headache
- Unexplained Loss of Taste or Smell
- Been within 6 feet of someone known to have COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more in the last 7 days.

Students answering yes to any of these questions should be tested for COVID-19. On-campus testing is available for this purpose. Students should not visit any other campus sites and notify covidreporting@butte.edu for further instruction.

The Office of the Dean of Students in conjunction with Marketing and the Office of Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Antiracism, will oversee the student self-check and will ensure equitable and culturally competent distribution of self-check information via emails and or text messages to students encouraging them to perform self-checks.

Academic Integrity

Students who are found to have intentionally falsified records or intentionally misrepresented their vaccination, booster, testing or infectious status may be subject to discipline under Board Policy 5500.

Term/Effective Dates

This Administrative Procedure will be reviewed and, as applicable, revised, no less than annually for relevance and compliance with Federal, State, and Local guidance.

Refer to Butte College's [Return to Campus Guidance](#) for key health and safety protocols.