



COVID-19 UPDATE FOR STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES – May 2023

In alignment with recommendations from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health), the California Department of Public Health, and consistent with regulations from Cal/OSHA, please note the following changes to the college's COVID-19 protocols:

- Utilization of the daily pre-screening function on the Citrus College Mobile app is no longer required.
- Reduced timeline for isolation if COVID-19 positive.

Citrus College's COVID-19 Prevention Strategies, in alignment with Public Health (at a glance):

- Free COVID-19 antigen tests are available for all students, faculty and staff (please see below for additional details).
- Utilization of the daily pre-screening function on the Citrus College Mobile app is no longer required.
- You may continue, at your choice, to wear or not wear a face mask while on campus (please see below for additional details).
- If you have received a positive test for COVID-19, please do not come to campus for at least five days.
- Follow the suggested steps below for individuals who are in close contact with a COVID-19 case.
- If you have been on campus two days prior to receiving a positive COVID-19 test or after receiving a positive result, please contact the college nurse, Dr. Shauna Bigby, at wellness@citruscollege.edu.

(subject to modification based on requirements from Public Health)

FREE ANTIGEN TEST KITS AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Free antigen test kits, while supplies last, are available for pick-up at the Student Health Center, the Handy Campus Center, the Haigh Memorial Library and the Owl Bookstore.

FACE MASKS

If you choose to wear a mask, please note that a medical grade (surgical cloth/paper masks), N-95 or KN-95 mask is recommended. The recommended proper use of a mask includes covering your face and nose. The district, upon request by an employee, will provide the employee with a N-95 or KN-95 mask.

INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE COVID-19 POSITIVE:

The following is based on recommendations from the Los Angeles County Department of Health, the California Department of Public Health and Cal/OSHA:

Students and employees who test positive for COVID-19 must stay off campus and follow the isolation period as described below.

Students and employees who test positive or have been otherwise diagnosed as being infected with COVID-19 (COVID-19 case), should isolate and remain off campus for a period of at least five days from the date symptoms began or from the date of a positive COVID-19 test, whichever is earlier. You may end your isolation and return to classes or other campus activities after five days provided you have been fever free (less than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit) for at least 24 hours and symptoms, if present, are improving.

If you continue to have COVID-19 symptoms on day five, consider remaining in isolation until your symptoms improve or until day ten from the date of your positive COVID-19 test.

You do not need to wait for a negative COVID-19 test result to return to campus or on-campus activities.

Regardless of your isolation period, you should wear an appropriate face covering (mask) while indoors in any college building for a period of ten days from the date symptoms began or from the date of a positive COVID-19 test, whichever is earlier.

INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH A COVID-19 CASE:

The following is based on recommendations from the Los Angeles County Department of Health, the California Department of Public Health and Cal/OSHA:

Close contacts do not need to stay away from on-campus classes/activities. Any student or employee who has received notice that they have been a close contact with a COVID-19 case should:

- 1) Take a COVID-19 test three to five days from the date of exposure (see antigen test kits above);
- 2) Wear an appropriate face covering (mask) for a period of ten days from the date of exposure and;
- 3) Monitor for any COVID-19-related symptoms