



COVID-19 UPDATE FOR SPRING 2023

Happy New Year and welcome to the 2023 spring semester!

Please know that the college continues to follow established COVID-19 protocols consistent with requirements and recommendations from the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health (Public Health). Below are important reminders and information to help the Citrus College community have a successful and healthy semester.

Spring 2023 protocols in alignment with Public Health:

- Free COVID-19 antigen tests are available for all students, faculty and staff
- Please utilize the Citrus College Mobile App to complete your daily pre-screening
- Face masks are strongly recommended while indoors (but not required)
- Frequent and thorough hand washing is strongly recommended
- Please follow COVID-19 positive case and close contact protocols (see below)
- Vaccination strongly recommended (but not required)

(subject to modification based on requirements from Public Health)

FREE ANTIGEN TEST KITS AVAILABLE



Free antigen test kits are available for pick-up at the Student Health Center, the Campus Center, the Library and the Bookstore.

If you test positive for COVID-19, please inform your instructors and our College Nurse, Dr. Shauna Bigby, at shc@citruscollege.edu. Please see the instructions for COVID-19 positive cases, below.

DAILY PRE-SCREENING



Students, faculty and staff attending classes/activities on campus or working on campus are required to download the free Citrus College Mobile App and complete the brief, daily pre-screening questions (available through Apple or Google app stores). Prior to arriving at campus, please make sure you answer all of the questions.

If you receive a red pass after completing the pre-screening questions, please do not come to campus and inform your instructors or immediate supervisor. If you accidentally make a mistake answering any of the questions and receive a red pass in error, please send an email to shc@citruscollege.edu or to rsammis@citruscollege.edu to have the pass cleared. Please note that once you receive a red pass, you will need to have your pass cleared.

MASK REQUIREMENT

It is strongly recommended (but not required) that all students, faculty and staff wear a mask indoors when around other people.

When wearing a mask, please note that fabric/cloth masks do not provide sufficient protection; a medical grade (surgical cloth/paper masks), N-95 and KN-95 mask should be worn. The college will provide you with a mask upon request. Proper use of a mask requires that the mask cover your face and nose at all times while inside a classroom or building.



ENTERING AND EXITING A CLASSROOM

Frequent and thorough hand washing with soap and water, and/or use of hand sanitizer continues to be an effective way to prevent the spread of COVID-19. When leaving a classroom or other building, please help keep our rooms as clean as possible by making sure you do not leave a used mask behind.



PROTOCOLS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE COVID-19 POSITIVE:

The following is intended to implement the protocol established by Public Health concerning isolation requirements for persons who are COVID-19 positive. The isolation requirements for individuals who are COVID-19 positive, as described below, apply to everyone regardless of vaccination status or previous COVID-19 infection.

Individuals who test positive or have been otherwise diagnosed as being infected with COVID-19 (COVID-19 case), must isolate and remain off campus for a period of at least five (5) 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 (5) days provided:

- 1) You receive a negative COVID-19 test (antigen) on day five (5) of the isolation and;
- 2) You have been fever free (less than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit) for at least twenty-four (24) hours and symptoms, if present, are improving

In the event you test positive on day five (5), still have a fever or your symptoms are not improving, you must remain in isolation for a total of ten (10) days from the date symptoms began or from the date of a positive COVID-19 test, whichever is earlier.

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19, regardless of the isolation period that is applicable, are required to wear an appropriate face covering (mask) while indoors in any college building for a period of ten (10) days from the date symptoms began or from the date of a positive COVID-19 test, whichever is earlier.

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

The following is intended to implement the protocol established by Public Health concerning the steps to be followed by individuals who have been in close contact with a person who is positive for COVID-19. The requirements for individuals who have been in close contact with an individual who is COVID-19 positive, as described below, apply to students regardless of vaccination status or previous COVID-19 infection.

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

- 1) Take a COVID-19 test, available at the Student Health Center, three to five (3-5) days from the date of exposure;
- 2) Wear an appropriate face covering (mask) for a period of ten (10) days from the date of exposure and;
- 3) Monitor for any COVID-19-related symptoms

If you develop symptoms, do not enter a college building until you receive a negative COVID-19 test. If you test positive for COVID-19, you must follow the "Protocols for Individuals who are COVID-19 Positive" protocols above.

VACCINATION INFORMATION

Public Health and Citrus College strongly recommend (but do not require) COVID-19 vaccinations and booster shots. For up-to-date information on the available COVID-19 vaccines and where to get vaccinated/boosted, please visit:

<http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/vaccine/index.htm>.