

COVID-19 VACCINE AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL LACCD STUDENTS

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for **a link specific to you** from Cleared4



LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Dear Students,

The Los Angeles Community College District ([LACCD](#)) cares about you and wants you to know that your safety is our Top Priority.

The District's Board of Trustees has made a significant policy change about COVID-19 vaccine and testing requirements impacting your ability to have in-person access to our colleges and District facilities. Please be sure to read this entire safety message and keep it available for reference. In a few days, you will receive more messages from the District and its official partners, Biocept and Cleared4, about what you need to know and do.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW RIGHT NOW

- The LACCD Board of Trustees on September 1, 2021 approved revisions to the existing enforceable [Board Policy 2900](#) to now state:

Vaccination and Testing Requirements

As a condition to physically accessing any District building, classroom, library, gymnasium, facility, or other indoor setting, all District students shall present proof that they have been fully vaccinated against the SARS-CoV-2 virus (COVID-19) unless exempt for medical or religious reasons.

Employees and students who are granted a medical or religious exemption shall undergo regular testing for COVID-19 infection and shall produce proof of negative COVID-19 test results.

- **ALL District students who plan to be in-person at any LACCD College or District facility must follow the Board Policy.** This includes all full- and part-time students already enrolled in classes on campus as well as students who may be taking classes remotely, but who plan to be onsite for appointments or meetings or to use libraries, gyms or computer/science labs, etc.
- Students may be excluded from in-person classes, disciplined or expelled for failing or refusing to comply with the vaccination or testing requirements in this Board Policy.

- **No later than October 8, 2021, students who plan to be onsite at any college or District facility must:**
 - Create a profile account with the District's official testing vendor, Biocept
 - Get a free COVID-19 test with the vendor—only the vendor-approved tests will be accepted by the District
- **Prior to October 18, 2021, students who plan to be onsite at any college or District facility must:**
 - Upload your vaccination information (if you are vaccinated)
 - Or have a medical or religious exemption request approved by the District—you must allow at least two days for processing
 - **NOTE: ALL students who are granted an exemption still must be tested weekly by the District's official testing vendor**
- If you cannot meet the October 8 or October 18 deadlines to complete all required steps, you must contact the Office of Student Services at your home college as soon as possible.
- Effective **September 13, 2021**, the District and the colleges **will begin using the symptom self-check questionnaire provided by the District's official testing vendor Biocept instead of the existing questionnaire.**

HOW TO GET TESTED

LACCD has selected Biocept as the District's official testing provider. Cleared4 will provide information to you soon about creating a secured, unique profile account and the steps to get tested with Biocept. All LACCD students, regardless of vaccination status, are required to take an initial, free PCR COVID-19 test through Biocept if you intend to be in person at any college or District facility on or after October 18, 2021 for any reason. Only tests by Biocept will be accepted. Biocept will administer the COVID-19 PCR tests and Cleared4 will securely maintain testing and vaccination records for the District. Biocept and Cleared 4 are HIPAA, FERPA and GDPR compliant.

As soon as possible after you have created your account, schedule an appointment to complete your initial COVID-19 test, regardless of your current vaccination status. For your convenience, you may schedule your COVID-19 PCR test for any available time at any of the nine colleges or District office.

- **NOTE:**
 - ALL students must complete their initial, baseline COVID-19 test **ONLY THROUGH BIOCEPT** as the District's official testing vendor
 - ALL required weekly testing for any student employee with an approved medical or religious exemption must be completed through Biocept
 - ALL students, regardless of vaccination status, can get tested weekly through Biocept as an extra safety measure

HOW TO SUBMIT PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION

- Using your Cleared4 profile account, you will upload your medical insurance card and your Center for Disease Control (CDC) Vaccination Card or electronic COVID-19 vaccination record.
- If you do not have medical insurance, write in that you DO NOT have medical insurance.

HOW TO REQUEST A VACCINATION EXEMPTION

- **COVID-19 Medical Exemption**

A COVID-19 Medical Exemption Form will be available online at the [MyCollege.laccd.edu](https://mycollege.laccd.edu) portal by **September 13, 2021**. To download a copy of the form—and to upload when completed—log on to the [MyCollege.laccd.edu](https://mycollege.laccd.edu) portal, click on the “Vaccination Exemption” tile and follow the prompts. Once you have successfully uploaded the completed form, you will receive a confirmation email within two days.

- **COVID-19 Religious Exemption**

A COVID-19 Religious Exemption Attestation Form will be available online at the [MyCollege.laccd.edu](https://mycollege.laccd.edu) portal by **September 13, 2021**. To download a copy of the form—and to upload when completed—log on to the [MyCollege.laccd.edu](https://mycollege.laccd.edu) portal, click on the “Vaccination Exemption” tile and follow the prompts. Once you have successfully uploaded the completed form, you will receive a confirmation email within two days.

- **NOTE:** Students with an approved medical or religious vaccination exemption ***must undergo weekly COVID-19 PCR through Biocept*** following the process described above. Only tests administered by CLEARED4 will be accepted as proof of compliance.

MASKING/FACIAL COVERING REQUIREMENTS

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, in accordance with [Board Policy 2800](#) and regardless of vaccination status, all employees, students and visitors must correctly wear a mask or facial covering over their nose and mouth when indoors at any LACCD College or District building. If you do not have a facial covering, one will be provided to you.

SYMPTOM SELF-CHECK QUESTIONNAIRE

Regardless of your vaccination status or most current COVID-19 test, all students must complete the short, symptom self-check questionnaire for **every day** that you intend to be onsite at one of our colleges or District facilities prior to your arrival.

Effective **September 13, 2021**, the District and the colleges will begin using the short, self-check health questionnaire by Cleared4. The existing questionnaire that is currently in use on the District’s website and the SAFE app will no longer be available at that time. The questionnaire will be similar and will be accessible via any phone, tablet or laptop connected to the internet. You will receive a text or email reminder with a personal link to take the survey.

“CLEAR PASS”

You will receive a color-coded “Clear Pass” showing your approval to be onsite at the colleges or District facilities once you have completed your first baseline test, uploaded the required documents as noted above, completed the new self-check questionnaire and have done a weekly test if you have an approved exemption. Remember, all people with an exemption must complete a weekly COVID-19 test with Biocept.

Your “Clear Pass” will be sent to your phone or smart device for display similar to a boarding pass for a flight or electronic ticket to a movie or concert. This pass signifies you have completed all of the required steps and are cleared to enter any of the nine LACCD colleges or the District Office for the duration of the pass.

All students may be required to show their Clear Pass to authorized personnel or at scanning stations prior to entering District property or buildings.

VACCINATIONS

Public Health officials agree that the best prevention against COVID-19 is to get vaccinated. For your safety and the safety of your family, friends, and LACCD colleagues, the District urges you to get vaccinated now. More than 700 free vaccinations clinics are available throughout Los Angeles County, including at LACCD colleges. Click [here](#) to find one near you.

Sincerely,

The Los Angeles Community College District Administration

File attachments:

[BioCept Student Vaccination Announcement 1 Final - Screen.pdf](#)

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