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Campus Community,

Today’s message is to inform you of the updated COVID-19 testing protocols for CSU Pueblo employees and students.

As of today, CSU Pueblo’s campus positivity rate has fallen below 1%. More than 10,000 tests have been conducted at our Walking Stick testing site since January 4, 2021. Based on the steady decline in Pueblo County’s COVID-19 positive cases, positivity rate, and hospitalizations, and our own campus safety plans, we are happy to announce that the BLUE operational plan will be adapted to reflect new testing protocols, beginning Monday, March 1. You can view an updated copy of our BLUE operational plan at: https://www.csupueblo.edu/coronavirus/_doc/blue-operations-plan.pdf

While we encourage you to read the operational plan closely, and direct any questions to your supervisors or to the campus COVID team at covid@csupueblo.edu, some important details to note:

1) Testing is no longer required for general student and employee populations.

2) All students and employees who will be on campus this semester must continue to complete an online, daily health assessment by registering at https://csupueblo.smartbacktowork.com. You will need your CSU Pueblo email address and your activated NetID in order to register. A short, instructional video can be viewed at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubmqELqAGo.

3) Regular COVID-19 testing is still required for higher-risk student and employee groups, as designated in the BLUE plan, including student athletes/coaches/staff, Residence Life and Housing staff and student workers, Recreation Center staff and student workers, Health Screening Team, and Visitor Center employees and student workers. Please check with your supervisors, or view the updated BLUE plan, in order to determine the frequency of your required testing.

4) If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or believe you have been exposed, call the COVID hotline immediately in order to discuss your risk and/or schedule a test at the Wolfpack Wellness Center. The COVID line is 719-420-0002. The Wolfpack Wellness Center can be reached at 719-549-2830.

5) Health screeners will continue to be available at all buildings in order to monitor public access and to assist employees or students who need support with daily health screening or portal registration.
6) **Public access to campus remains limited.** At this time, access should be by appointment only, and all visitors must begin at the Administration Building, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., for health screening and an escort to scheduled location. Please see BLUE plan for additional details.

Answers to many of your questions are available in the operational plans and on the web at: [https://www.csupueblo.edu/coronavirus](https://www.csupueblo.edu/coronavirus)

As always, thank you for your vigilance and dedication to CSU Pueblo.

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President, CSU Pueblo