



From the COVID-19 Response & Planning Team

Campus Community,

The past 18 months have been like no other. We suffered losses, both personal and professional, and despite our best efforts – to vaccinate and to educate – we will not start the fall 2021 semester “post-COVID.”

We will, however, start fall 2021 with a [nationally recognized](#) COVID-19 Response and Planning “playbook,” with a full year of experience testing and vaccinating, and with hundreds of employees and students who continue to voluntarily submit vaccination records each day. We are confident that, with each new vaccination, CSU Pueblo is one step closer to a post-COVID reality. Thank you for your willingness to teach and learn, to ask the hard questions, and to make decisions that protect you and your family, your colleagues, and our students. Your dedication to CSU Pueblo, and to your communities, has made all the difference.

There are several key updates and procedures we want to make clear as we begin the new semester:

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Because one or more of the vaccines has not yet moved out of emergency use authorization and received the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) approval – a prerequisite of our CSU System COVID-19 vaccine requirement – the vaccination will continue to be voluntary and will not be required for the fall semester. Decisions about the spring 2022 semester will be made at a later date, pending new updates from the FDA.

The decision to make vaccinations voluntary also means that there will be no requirement for unvaccinated individuals to submit a medical or non-medical exemption, at this time. All employees, students, and University Partners, are encouraged to voluntarily submit vaccination records to The WolfPack Wellness Center, here: <https://direc.to/gG2c>.

COVID-19 PROCEDURES, FALL 2021

As of July 8, 2021, Governor Polis ended all COVID-related Colorado Emergency Public Health Orders. A fully-vaccinated campus remains our best hope for an uninterrupted fall semester. At this time, all unvaccinated individuals:

- 1) will be strongly encouraged to wear a mask indoors or when in close contact with others
- 2) will be required to isolate if positive for COVID-19, and to quarantine if exposed, which may result in a disruption to classes; athletic practices, workouts, and games; and will lose the ability to access in-person campus services and activities
- 3) may be asked to vacate campus in the event of an outbreak

As always, if you have any questions, please contact the COVID-19 Hotline at 719-420-0002, or email us at covid@csupueblo.edu. The WolfPack Wellness Center will continue to be your vaccination resource and will offer free testing for any CSU Pueblo employee, student, or University Partner, by appointment. Please call 719-549-2830 with any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Souder Hodge".

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