



August 30, 2021

Dear Campus Community,

On Friday, August 27, 2021, the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment (PDPHE) issued a [Public Health Order](#) mandating masks for anyone 2 and older, regardless of vaccination status, while indoors at all childcare centers, youth camps and pre-K through 12th grade schools in Pueblo County. The newest order was required by the Pueblo County Board of Health and was created to “help control and slow the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and its variants (coronavirus) in the community.” The order is effective August 30, 2021.

In 2020, CSU Pueblo adopted a protocol for policy changes that included the following “triggers” for a change in our on-campus operations:

- 1) Federal, state, or local PHOs that mandate changes to protocols
- 2) Changes or heightened risk to K-12 policies or remote operations
- 3) Widespread campus risk or outbreaks
- 4) Increasing community positivity rates, hospitalizations, or community transmission

According to PDPHE’s announcement on August 27, “The Pueblo County Board of Health approved issuing the public health order at its August 25, 2021 meeting due to the following factors: recent increase of COVID-19 cases in Pueblo, the local transmission rates, the increase incidence of the delta variant, low compliance with the recommendation for indoor mask wearing, low vaccination rates in eligible students and children under the age of 12 are not yet eligible for the vaccine.”

Campus Protocols: Tuesday, August 31

Effective immediately, in order to reduce the risk of exposure, positive cases, and quarantine, CSU Pueblo will require masks while indoors, regardless of vaccination status, for all students, employees, university partners, guests and visitors. Face shields may be worn in addition to masks. The requirement does not include private office spaces. Food may only be consumed in designated dining spaces in the Occhiato Student Center; masks may be removed while eating or drinking.

Additional guidance, in alignment with NCAA and RMAC protocols, will be provided to student-athletes for all practices, games, locker room, and work-out spaces at *athletics-only* facilities.

On-Campus Accommodations

Students who need to request an accommodation to the campus mask requirement, please contact the Disability Resource and Support Center (DRSC) at LARC 187 or at 719.549.2648. More information can be found at [DRSC](#). Employees who may need accommodations should immediately contact supervisors and Human Resources.



Vaccine Records and Positive Case Protocols

Because the FDA has approved the Pfizer vaccine, the COVID-19 Vaccine is required at CSU Pueblo, effective immediately. All students, employees, and university partners will be required to have vaccine records or an exemption on file with the Wolfpack Wellness Center before the start of the spring 2022 semester. In order to register for spring beginning October 18, students will need to have proof of vaccination or an exemption on file following current [immunization protocols](#). Employees must have vaccination records or an exemption on file by no later than November 15, 2021.

- 1) Vaccine records can be submitted securely online [here](#).
- 2) Exemption forms can be found online [here](#) and must be downloaded, signed, and submitted to the [ThunderWolf Health Portal](#).
- 3) Weekly vaccine clinics will begin on campus every Wednesday and Thursday through the month of September, at the WolfPack Wellness Center Pavilion between CIHHI and HSB. Vaccines will be available for CSU Pueblo students, employees, and partners at no cost.
- 4) Clinics will begin on Wednesday, September 1 and Thursday, September 2.
- 5) If you have any questions, please contact The WolfPack Wellness Center at 719.549.2830.

Please continue to follow all published protocols for symptoms, positive tests, or public health mandated quarantines. Notify the CSU Pueblo COVID Hotline at 719.420.0002 or email covid@csupueblo.edu. More information can be found at [CSU Pueblo COVID-19 Protocols](#).

Today's decision is made with the information we have available at this time, to protect the health and safety of our campus community and to preserve the academic mission of this institution. As always, as our situation on campus or in our community evolves, campus guidance may change.

Stay safe and be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy Mottet".

Timothy Mottet
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