



COVID-19 Operating Protocols for Fall 2023

Attention: Faculty, staff, and Pacific School of Religion (PSR) students.

As we remain vigilant in addressing the persistent challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have adapted our protocols based on the guidance of Berkeley Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). In recognition of the ongoing dynamics of the virus, we have implemented the following measures to prioritize the safety of all when conducting in-person activities:

Vaccination

Pacific School of Religion recommends that every employee, student, visitor, and contractor visiting campus vaccinate against COVID-19. Appointments to be vaccinated or boosted may be secured with your healthcare provider or through organizations like [Color](#).

Masking Guidelines

There are now masking requirements on campus.

Regardless of COVID-19 case rates, the CDC recommends masking:

- If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as a cough, runny nose, or sore throat
- In crowded indoor settings, such as in airplanes, trains, and buses
- In public areas around people who are older or have medical conditions that put them at increased risk for severe COVID-19
- For ten days after having a significant exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19
- If you have tested positive, see additional guidance at [What to Do If You Test Positive for COVID-19](#).

We want to emphasize respecting others' sensitivities and concerns regarding the virus. While no masking requirements exist on campus, we kindly ask everyone to remain mindful of our community's diverse perspectives and comfort levels. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as we prioritize the safety and well-being of all individuals on our campus.

On-Campus Protective Measures

- Frequent handwashing and sanitizing will be practiced.

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Hand sanitizer and hand hygiene signage are placed throughout the building and available upon request.
- A regular schedule of cleaning and disinfecting will be practiced.
- Commonly shared spaces, such as conference rooms or classrooms, will have a designated area for sanitization supplies within each distance.

PSR Community Responsibility

All employees are responsible for following all directives, policies, and procedures and maintaining a safe work environment.

Stay home if you feel sick.

COVID Symptoms

Reported illnesses have ranged from mild symptoms to severe illness and death for confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) cases.

- Early symptoms may be nonspecific, such as fever, body aches or chills, scratchy throat, and or/mild stomach upset (diarrhea, loss of appetite, nausea, loss of smell).
- A few days later, a dry cough may emerge, which can worsen, including shortness of breath over several days.
- Upper respiratory symptoms like nasal congestion or sneezing are less common.
- Coronavirus can also be asymptomatic, so it is essential to get a test if you think you have had an exposure.

Please report any COVID-19 symptoms, exposure, or positive test results to Human Resources: UHakimi@psr.edu.

COVID-19 Testing

Employees are encouraged to test for COVID-19 regularly.

Please see <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Updated-COVID-19-Testing-Guidance.aspx> for updated testing guidance.

COVID-19 Exposure Response Guide (per CDC direction)

Please see the California Health Department [for recent updates and Local Health Jurisdictions on Isolation and Quarantine of the General Public](#)

TRAVEL

PSR follows the [CDC guidelines](#) for personal travel (check the CDC website for the most up-to-date information).