



## Health & Safety Information

August 16, 2022

### COVID-19 Pandemic

The District and its nine colleges follow the [Health Orders](#) from the [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health \(LACDPH\)](#). Currently, variants of COVID-19 remain in active circulation throughout Los Angeles County. The pandemic is not over, but our nation and the economy are shifting to operations that reflect a co-existence with the virus, including LACCD.

**Mandatory masking** (indoors and/or outdoors) is not required at this time for District facilities or the colleges. Free, disposal, surgical-style masks available to anyone upon request at all LACCD locations. Wearing a mask is a personal choice and free from discrimination. [Check online](#) for where indoor masking is still mandatory.

**Being vaccinated** against COVID-19 or proof of a valid extension on file remains mandatory for all LACCD personnel as a condition of employment. Students have no vaccine requirements at this time as a condition of enrollment or attending college events in person. Being vaccinated means having completed the two-dose or single vaccine. Boosters are not required, but recommended. Talk to your healthcare provider first before getting additional boosters.

**PCR Testing** will be provided by the District until Dec. 31, 2022 for all employees on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at each college and the District’s main office. Check the colleges’ websites for location information as the attached schedule is subject to change.

**Antigen (Self) Testing kits** are available to anyone, as supplies last, at each college. The Student Health Centers at each college may provide additional testing opportunities.

**Self-check test online** is mandatory for all District personnel for every day they are at work in person. Mandatory scan-in per each location is no longer required, except at the District’s ESC office in Downtown Los Angeles.



### Highly Recommended [Safety Tips](#) to Reduce the Risk of COVID-19:

- **Get vaccinated and boosted**
- **Use Indoor Masking**
- **Regularly test for COVID-19**
- **Frequently Wash Hands**
- **If you are sick, stay home and seek medical advice or call 2-1-1**
- **If sick, students must contact instructors for work assignments**

### Mental Health Services

[Mental Health Resources for COVID-19](#) are available from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. The Department’s 24-hour help line information is: (800) 854-7771 or Contact Crisis Text Line (“LA” to 741741)

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## Monkeypox

The Monkeypox (or Mpox) virus is active within Los Angeles County, although health officials say the risk to the general public is very low at this time. Vaccines are in limited supply. If you believe you have Monkeypox or were exposed to someone with it, Public Health recommends you speak to your primary care provider. If you do not have a regular provider, call 2-1-1 for assistance. In addition, people who have developed a rash can access services at [Public Health's Sexual Health Clinics](#).

As of August 16, 2022, there were less than 1,000 cases. [Updated information is available online](#) including additional [resources](#) about prevention and recovery.

**The public can call the County Public Health Call Center for more information on Monkeypox, including general information, testing, treatment, and vaccines at: (833) 540-0473 --- Open every day, from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Monkeypox is known to spread by close intimate and/or prolonged contact with someone with monkeypox including through:

- Direct skin-to-skin contact with monkeypox rash, scabs, or sores during sex and other intimate contact, including kissing, massaging, and cuddling.
- Contact with respiratory secretions. This can happen during prolonged, close, face-to-face contact or intimate physical contact, such as kissing, cuddling, and sex with a person with monkeypox.
- Contact with objects and fabrics (such as unwashed clothing and bedding, sharing towels) that have been used by someone with monkeypox and haven't been cleaned.
- A person with monkeypox can spread it to others from the time symptoms start until the rash has fully healed and a new layer of skin has formed. This usually takes 2 to 4 weeks.
- A pregnant person with monkeypox can spread the virus to their fetus through the placenta.

Monkeypox is much less contagious than COVID-19. It is NOT spread through casual conversations or by walking by someone with monkeypox. Additional [Safety Tips](#):

- Avoid close and/or prolonged contact with someone with monkeypox symptoms, especially: oral, anal and vaginal sex; hugging, cuddling, massaging, kissing and skin-to-skin contact with the rash on their body
- Do not share towels, clothing, bedding, blankets, or other objects or materials that have not been cleaned
- Talking very closely face to face for a long time (approximately 3 hours or more).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, especially before eating or touching your face and after you use the bathroom.
- Wear appropriate protective equipment (mask, gloves, and gown) if you cannot avoid close contact with someone with monkeypox symptoms.

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