Humboldt State University COVID-19 Course Safety Plan

Based on the CSU Chancellor’s vaccine mandate, all HSU students, staff, and faculty who access campus must be either fully vaccinated (boosted) or qualify for a medical or religious exemption. Anyone who is approved for an exemption (or is booster eligible and not boosted) must be tested weekly.

As a result of the vaccination mandate all classes returning for Spring 2022 in a Face-to-Face format will follow all campus general policies related to COVID-19 mitigation.

The general COVID strategies that apply to all courses are as follows:

1. Everyone in every class must wear a tight fitting, double or triple layered face mask over their mouth and their nose at all times, N95’s (available at distribution points) may also be used and provide better protection against the Omicron variant. The appropriate actions for non-compliance can be found on campus ready. Any classes where face coverings are removed for short periods to meet instructional needs MUST:
   - have Environmental Health & Safety approval and
   - ensure that any students with vaccination exemptions or are un-boosted only do so in accordance with 6 ft. of distance between them and any other students or instructors.
   Please contact EH&S for more information on how to facilitate this as needed.

2. The number of students allowed in any course has been increased such that social distancing is not required to be maintained but is highly recommended where feasible to reduce exposure risk and quarantine requirements for the those affected groups, in the event of a positive case (unless a whole class becomes the "exposed group", see below).

3. The class should still have designated workstations or seating locations, to ensure should contact tracing be required, student proximity to others may be easily determined. EH&S, the SHC and/or Public Health may at any time deem an entire class as an "exposed group" should a positive case be present in a classroom. This may be based on: the predominant variant of concern, a classes risk profile, campus positivity rates or local guidance. Notices will be sent to all students and faculty if there is a positive case in a class, with guidance on necessary actions.

4. Though daily cleaning is occurring in most spaces by custodial staff, there may be times when self-cleaning must be conducted to meet minimum cleaning requirements per the CDC and CalOSHA, which requires a minimum of once per day cleaning in shared spaces of horizontal surfaces. If you have specific questions about the cleaning plan in your location, contact EH&S.

5. Sharing of equipment is allowed without a disinfection step in between, as long as hand hygiene prior to equipment use is encouraged and facilitated (either that sanitizer is available in class for student use or instructors request students wash their hands before class).
6. All classes are encouraged to review their activities and include additional mitigation measures where warranted in the narrative section.

7. As this situation is fluid, requirements will change and addenda may be added if that should occur.

8. Classes with additional aerosol production must be conducted in locations identified for adequate ventilation and filtration ability and may require additional mitigation (e.g., Bell covers, double-distance). As such some Music and PE classes will have separate plans. Faculty with wind instruments, singing, blowing, and increased respiration should use their specific course plans from 2021. If you did not teach your class in Spring 2021 or Fall 2021 and your class meets that criteria, please contact Sabrina.Zink@Humboldt.edu

9. Field trip forms must be submitted and approved two-weeks prior to any trip.

10. Anyone who tests positive must report this immediately to the appropriate contact (students report to the Student Health Center, employees to their supervisor AND HR).

Read more on Campus Ready: [Vaccine mandate] | [What to do if you Test Positive] | [Vaccination & Testing Compliance]

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