

Return to In-Person Residential Courses (Updated January 21, 2022)

Thank you for your efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 over the past week and a half during our reinstatement of some of our Health Safety COVID-19 Mitigating Practices. After seeing a trend of improvement in our CAU population's responses to COVID protocols, the University has determined it appropriate to **return to in-person residential courses effective Monday, January 24. Starting Monday, in-person residential courses will resume according to their normally scheduled times and classrooms.** California Aeronautical University would like to remind students, faculty, and staff to continue their increased vigilance and common-sense decision making to prevent COVID-19.

The following Health Safety COVID-19 Mitigating Practices remain in effect:

Effective at All Locations:

Required Use of Face Coverings

- CAU has been and will continue to require students, employees, and visitors to wear their mask regardless of vaccination status.

Promote Healthy Hygiene Practices

- Hand sanitizing stations will continue to be located in high traffic areas throughout the campus and Flight Training Centers.
- As always, CAU asks that you PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK.

Cleaning & Disinfection

- Regular cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces, shared objects, and transport vehicles (including airplanes) will be reinstated.
- The intensified cleaning regimen for classrooms, high traffic areas, and airplanes put into place in response to the pandemic will be reinstated.

Modified Layouts

- Modified seating layouts to allow for social distancing will be reinstated in common areas, including but not limited to classrooms, study areas, and the cafe.
- Occupancy limitations will be reinstated throughout the campus, including classrooms, housing, recreational facilities, and the cafe.
 - Gym will be limited to 4 people at any given time.
 - Recreation room will be limited to 4 people at any given time.
 - Outdoor recreation courts (all not each) will be limited to 8 people at any given time.
 - Pool will be limited to 8 people at any given time.
 - During this period laundry rooms will be limited to 1 person in the room at any given time.
 - Café seating will be 3 to a table inside and outside.

- Study rooms and student lounge in student housing will be temporarily closed.

Physical Barriers and Guides

- Disinfected/Not Disinfected placards will be reinstated and we ask students, faculty, and staff to take personal responsibility to clean common surfaces after use.

Main Campus Additional Considerations:

Travel and Transit

- To allow for proper accounting of who is on campus (primarily safety related (fire, earthquake, etc.)), please continue to sign in and out of SwipedOn as you enter and exit campus.

For each Flight Training Center in California and the Arizona location, local requirements may vary and differences among facilities not identified in this email will be addressed accordingly.

CAU will continue to monitor our status and act accordingly in response to trends we identify in COVID rates at each campus. Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation as we band together to protect our campuses.

Pause In-Person Residential Courses (Updated January 11, 2022)

California Aeronautical University continues to monitor our COVID rates. In recognition of recent spikes in Kern County, a parallel increase in numbers of active cases related directly and indirectly to CAU, and the added factor of everyone's return from the holidays, the University has determined it most prudent at this point to **pause in-person residential courses and move to Teams effective tomorrow through January 21**. From there, we will assess Kern County and CAU's COVID positive rates. We want to keep everyone's health and safety in the forefront of our focus during the current spike in COVID cases. As precautionary measures, CAU is also reinstating the following Health Safety COVID-19 Mitigating Practices:

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Course Offerings

- In-person residential courses will meet via Teams at the same time courses are normally scheduled effective tomorrow through January 21.

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The University hopes to see progress shift back in the direction of de-escalation and reopening that we enjoyed prior to December. In order for that to happen, each member of the CAU community will need to increase their vigilance for the time being to mitigate the uptick of COVID-19 that we have seen recently. CAU will continue to monitor our status and act accordingly in response to trends we identify in COVID rates at each campus. If the CAU community can unite to prevent the spread of COVID, the campus will be positioned to relax restrictions within the limitations of compliance to the state of California and the CDC.

If we do not begin taking the guidelines more seriously, we will have to continue reinstating restrictions, possibly including changes to the off-campus guest policy. Failure to adhere to these restrictions will not only lengthen the duration of these measures, but violations may be referred through the student judicial process. We all want to return to the freedoms we had enjoyed before this surge in COVID cases. We have to prevent the spread of COVID if we want to be able to continue operations, keep people safe, and hopefully relax our procedures soon. Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation as we band together to protect our campuses.

CAU Reinstating COVID Precautions (Updated January 6, 2022)

As COVID-19 cases have been on the rise recently, we would like to provide some important reminders to all students, faculty, and staff regarding our COVID-19 standard operating procedures.

Per the [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\) Guidelines](#), masks are required to be worn in all indoor public settings, irrespective of vaccine status until February 15, 2022 (extended from the original termination date of January 15, 2022 as of yesterday). California Aeronautical University will be following this guidance and we ask all students, faculty, and staff to be mindful of the required mask guidelines and wear masks indoors whenever on campus or at the Flight Training Centers.

Furthermore, if you or one of your students have had a [close contact exposure](#) to or test positive for COVID-19, please notify your instructor or supervisor immediately. All COVID cases need to be made known through the proper channels. Once aware, CAU will follow the necessary guidelines provided by the county, state, and CDC to make decisions moving forward. All decisions regarding cancelations, alerting other students or employees, modifying work schedules, etc. will be communicated via CAU management and you will be notified as soon as possible. Please do not take it upon yourself to make these communications.

Finally, as a reminder here are CAU's Continued Health Safety COVID-19 Mitigating Practices:

1. Stay home/in your room when you are sick. This is critically important for everyone's health safety to be cautious and communicate with CAU accordingly.
2. Wash your hands frequently with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
3. Cover your mouth with tissues whenever you sneeze, and discard used tissues in the trash. If you don't have a tissue, cough and sneeze into the inside of your elbow, not your hands.
4. Avoid people who are sick with respiratory symptoms.
5. Clean frequently touched surfaces.

Thank you for your continued cooperation as we work to comply with state and CDC regulations and prevent the spread of COVID on our campuses.