The Preuss School UC San Diego
Starting New Starting Safely

Current as of 4/26/22
The Board of Directors, leadership team, and staff at The Preuss School UC San Diego are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment as our schools reopen this spring in accordance with all state and local regulations and orders. The current plan is based on a "Healthy Only" framework for reopening our schools. This framework works best when parents and staff ensure that only healthy individuals enter The Preuss School UC San Diego facilities. A "Healthy Only" framework provides the greatest level of "normalcy" on campus, but also depends on students and staff to do their part and remain at home if they display any COVID-19 symptoms.

The Preuss School UC San Diego COVID-19 Safe Reopening Plan follows all rules, regulations, and guidelines from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the California Department of Education (CDE), the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE), and the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services (PHS).

This pamphlet has been prepared to provide you with the information you need to know in an easy to read format. If you would like to read the full text of The Preuss School UC San Diego COVID-19 Safe Reopening Plan, it is posted on The Preuss School UC San Diego web page.

To view The Preuss School UC San Diego web page, enter the following URL into your browser:
https://preuss.ucsd.edu/

Or follow this QR Code using your smartphone camera for quick access to The Preuss School UC San Diego web page.
CAMPUS FACILITIES

The Preuss School UC San Diego has made some modifications to its facilities and has limited access in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These changes are in line with current health guidelines and will serve to limit the spread of the virus.

LIMITED FACILITY USE

The Preuss School UC San Diego will limit the use of school facilities by external community organizations during the pandemic and ensure that any use of school facilities complies with health guidelines.

VISITOR AND VOLUNTEER ACCESS TO CAMPUS FACILITIES

All visitors and Volunteers must follow UC San Diego’s guidance outlined on their Return to Learn Website.

WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS

Water bottle filling stations are available on campus.

• Students must supply their own water bottles.
• Water bottles must be cleaned before bringing them to school each day.
• Water bottles must not touch the filling station while being filled.

DAILY WELLNESS SCREENING - PREUSS

QUESTIONNAIRE

Before being granted permission to enter The Preuss School UC San Diego, students and staff will be expected to answer the following questions via online symptom checker. Other visitors will be screened on site:

Are you currently experiencing any of the following symptoms that started within the past 10 days OR tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 10 days?

• Fever or chills
• Cough
• Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
• Fatigue, muscle or body aches
• Headache
• Loss of taste or smell
• Sore throat
• Congestion or runny nose
• Nausea or vomiting
• Diarrhea

Over the past 10 days are any of the following true?

• Have you been told by a public health agency or health care system that you have been exposed to COVID-19? And/or have you or a person in your household been diagnosed with COVID-19?

Instructions for staff who fail the symptom screener:

• Employees will receive a yellow, green or red thumb after completing symptom screener with instructions on how to proceed.
• Employees who have questions or need to report a positive test result, should contact the UCSD testing support line (619) 543-8260.
• Employees who need more information regarding the symptom screener Employee Screening and Testing (ucsd.edu)

HANDWASHING STATIONS

In order to encourage frequent handwashing, The Preuss School UC San Diego identify several handwashing stations on campus. The Preuss School UC San Diego encourages all parents, staff, and students to practice frequent handwashing at any of the handwashing stations.

FACILITY DISINFECTION

In addition to the regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces, The Preuss School UC San Diego custodial staff will thoroughly clean and sanitize all indoor spaces every night, following enhanced COVID-19 cleaning protocols.

The Preuss School UC San Diego will use disinfectants labeled to be effective against emerging viral pathogens, following label directions for appropriate dilution rates and contact times. All products will be kept out of children’s reach and stored in a space with restricted access.
Instructions for students who fail the symptom screener:

- Students who fail the symptom screener should stay home and contact Preuss health office (858) 822-2291. If the student will be absent, parents should contact Preuss Attendance at (858) 822-0311 to report the absence.

- Students who develop symptoms during the school day will be assessed in the medical tent. Students who have a chronic medical condition should have a “Certification of Chronic Medical Condition Form” completed by their physician. If the student does not have a certification form on file and/or their symptoms are not related to a chronic medical condition then they will be sent home. A PCR test and an antigen test will be performed on campus. If tests are negative, the student can return to campus once symptoms have improved AND they have gone 24 hours without fever, without use of fever reducing medication.

- Preuss Health office uses the following decision tree to determine when students can return to campus after exhibiting symptoms. [COVID-19 Decision Tree pdf](https://sdcoe.net). As things evolve, this tree is frequently updated by SDCOE.

- When anyone on Preuss campus tests positive for COVID-19, UC San Diego performs contact tracing. The UC San Diego contact tracing team performs an interview with the positive case then contacts all individuals who were exposed.

- For a fully vaccinated student who is exposed on or off campus, it is recommended that they test immediately and then again on day 5 after exposure.

- For students who are not fully vaccinated, if exposure occurs on campus and both parties are masked during exposure, they can remain on campus but MUST test within 24 hours of the notification and on day 5 after exposure.

- For students who are not fully vaccinated, if exposure occurs at home or at school and one or both parties are not masked during exposure, they must stay home for 5 days after exposure. If their test on day 5 is negative, then they may return to campus on day 6.

COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate

All Students and Employees are mandated to be fully vaccinated or have a vaccine exemption on file. [Full policy as of 3/18/22.](https://sdcoe.net)

Vaccination Status Definitions

- What does it mean to be fully vaccinated?
  - You have received a booster shot and it has been 7 days or more since your booster shot, or
  - You have received the complete initial vaccination dose(s) and you are not yet eligible for a booster.

- What is considered not fully vaccinated?
  - You have received a booster shot and it has been less than 7 days since your booster shot;
  - You have received a complete initial vaccine series and are eligible for a booster shot, but have not yet received one;
  - You did not complete the initial vaccine series;
  - You have not received any vaccines.

COVID-19 Asymptomatic Testing

Required twice weekly asymptomatic COVID-19 PCR testing (every 3-5 days) for students and employees who are not fully vaccinated:

- Students requiring twice weekly testing have e-hall passes for their PCR testing appointments. Mondays and Thursdays are middle school testing days and Tuesdays and Fridays are high school testing days. Wednesdays are make-up days. Testing is performed in the tent outside of the health office. For asymptomatic testing, students will only be notified of their test result if it is positive or if a retest is needed.

- COVID-19 testing on Preuss campus is for Preuss students only. UC San Diego employees can access UC San Diego’s testing resources. [Employee Screening and Testing](https://ucsd.edu)

Wastewater Monitoring

The SARS-CoV-2 virus is shed from the gastrointestinal tract and can be detected in feces early in the infection before clinical symptoms. UC San Diego’s wastewater monitoring program tests for SARS-CoV-2 virus in the wastewater outflow from buildings across the campus. The test is extremely sensitive—a sampler covering several buildings housing a hundred or more people is capable of detecting a single individual shedding virus. If you receive a positive wastewater notification for the building where you live or work, you should get tested out of an abundance of caution.
Masking

Face Coverings
The campus recommends the use of N-95 and KN-95 masks. A face covering/face mask DOES NOT include a scarf, ski mask, balaclava, bandana, gaiter, turtleneck, collar, plastic face shield, or single layer of fabric.
Surgical masks, KN-95 and N-95 masks are available in the health office.

General Guidelines for Masking Outdoors
Effective March 21, masking is optional for all students, faculty and staff while outdoors on campus. Attendees at outdoor campus events must wear a face mask if required by the event organizer.

General Guidelines for Masking Indoors
Effective March 21, masking will be optional except that it will remain required in all indoor classroom/instructional settings, the health office, and on Triton/university transportation until further notice.
We encourage anyone who feels more comfortable continuing to wear a mask to do so, as masking remains one of the easiest and most effective ways to reduce the spread of the virus.

Individuals are required to mask at all times when around others if...
They have been exposed to the SARS-CoV-2 Virus
They are cleared to return to campus before between days 6-10 of COVID-19 isolation

Future Changes:
Campus policies change as the state of the COVID-19 pandemic changes. Updates on changes throughout the school year will be communicated via Parent Square.
Preuss School UC San Diego follows guidance from UC San Diego, SDCOE, CDPH

Resources:
San Diego County COVID-19 isolation instructions as of 3/21/22
San Diego County COVID-19 quarantine instructions as of 3/21/22
Testing resources: Call 2-1-1, Testing (sandiegocounty.gov)
COVID-19 vaccine resources: Sites & Appointments (sandiegocounty.gov)
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