

Caltech

Vaccination Requirements

As a reminder, **all** Family Weekend attendees are **required** to meet the following COVID-19 Safety Measures:

1. Proof of full COVID vaccination (no physical copy is required)
2. Proof of booster vaccination, if eligible
3. Negative PCR test result within 72 hours of May 13 (a physical copy **is** required)
4. KN95 masks required at all appropriate times

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. I am not fully vaccinated. Can I still attend with a negative PCR test?
 - a. No. This is a non-negotiable rule for Caltech.
2. I am fully vaccinated. Do I still need to have a negative PCR?
 - a. Yes. No one will be allowed to join the in-person program without a negative PCR test. This is a non-negotiable rule.
3. I am having trouble getting a booster vaccine. What should I do?
 - a. If you are eligible for a booster, it is our **strong** recommendation that you schedule and receive a booster vaccine. If you do not have a booster because you will become eligible within a few days of the program, or you have a medical reason, please reach out to us as soon as possible to discuss next steps.
4. It is very hard for me to access a PCR test where I live. Can I use a rapid test or an antigen test?
 - a. While our very strong preference is a PCR, we recognize that tests are not always available in the same way in different parts of the country/world. As such, we will accept a rapid test, an at-home test, or an antigen test. You must take a picture of the non-PCR test with a note that has your name and the time and date of the test. That image should be printed out and given to staff at check-in.
5. I still do not have access to a COVID-19 test. What should I do?
 - a. We will have an extremely limited supply of rapid tests available onsite. **It is NOT recommended that you wait until you arrive at Caltech to test.** If you do take a test onsite and it is positive, you will not be able to participate in **any** Family Weekend activities.
 - b. But if this is your only option, we will give you a test at check-in to take and show us the results upon your arrival.
6. What happens if I take the rapid test when I arrive for Family Weekend and it is positive?
 - a. The rules from the Pasadena Public Health Department are very strict, which is why we, again, **do not recommend that you wait until you get to Caltech to take the rapid test.**

- b. If you do not have a negative PCR test result, you will be asked to take a test.
 - c. If you test positive you will not be able to participate in the in-person Family Weekend events. Per the [Pasadena Public Health Department \(PPHD\)](#), you will also be required to isolate and quarantine (for a minimum of 5 days; up to 10 days if needed) in your hotel room until:
 - i. You have had no fever for at least 24 hours (without the use of medicine that reduces fevers), and
 - ii. You currently have no symptoms (e.g., cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, etc.) or your symptoms are significantly improved or resolving, and
 - iii. You have returned a negative viral test result on day 5 or later.
7. I had COVID earlier this year and am worried that I will receive a false positive from a PCR. Do I still need to have a negative PCR test?
- a. Yes. Our recommendation is to take an antigen test immediately. If the result is negative, we know that you are not receiving a false positive. You should then take a test within 72 hours of the start of our May 13th program.
 - b. If the test is positive, contact the Deans Office **immediately** at deansoffice@caltech.edu
 - c. If you show up to Caltech with a positive test and have **not** been in contact with us, you will be denied entry Family Weekend activities.