



University of California, Santa Cruz

Procedure Name: COVID-19 Compliance: Student Badge Protocol

Effective Period: September, 2021

Background:

The campus continues to manage the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which includes several actions that university students (and all community members) must take to remain in compliance with the campus [Interim University Public Health Policy \(BAS-0011\)](#). Several of these actions are tracked through online systems and produce unique “badges” that represent the status of student compliance.

Purpose of Protocol:

This protocol provides clarification of the definitions of the badges, color codes and outlines programs, events and services where students may be asked to show their compliance badge. This protocol is specific to student badges.

Clearance Badge Coding:

The campus is managing student compliance with the Interim University Public Health Policy, the UC Vaccine Policy and other related COVID-19 mitigations (daily symptom check, required asymptomatic testing) through the student Health e-Messenger system which creates the student “Clearance Badge”. The clearance badge is a way to visually verify student compliance with all related COVID-19 mitigations.

- **GREEN (CLEARED TO BE ON CAMPUS):**
 - Yes**, you can come to campus/on-site but must abide by all applicable COVID-19 mitigations.
- **YELLOW (OVERDUE):**
 - Yes, you may come to campus/on-site but** you are late for your required COVID-19 test and/or you have not completed your daily symptom screening survey. Please take immediate action. Please note that access to campus services and classes *may be impacted* as follows:
 - For dining - overdue testing eligible for a “to go” meal only; overdue daily symptom check must complete the daily test for entrance.
 - For campus business services - eligible for online services only
 - For various advising - eligible for online advising only
 - For classes and labs - eligible for attendance

- Other services such as access to recreational facilities, libraries, transit, etc.

Reasons for having a red badge include one or more of the following:

RED (NOT CLEARED TO BE ON CAMPUS)

- **No, you may not be on campus/on site (see notes below) except to access healthcare services at the Student Health Center.**

- Not in compliance with UC COVID-19 Vaccination Policy
 - Please log on to Health e-Messenger and submit proof of vaccination or exemption request. (note: exemption requests can take up to 3 weeks for resolution).

RED (QUARANTINE)

- Until your healthcare provider says it's ok to leave, advised to stay at home but may go out for a walk with face covering, avoiding other people. Quarantine is used for people who were exposed to COVID-19. Usually quarantine lasts 10-14 days from the day of exposure.

RED (ISOLATION)

- Stay home until your healthcare provider says it's ok to leave. Isolation is used to separate sick people from others. Isolation usually lasts 10-14 days from the first day of symptoms, providing all symptoms are improving and you have no fever for 24 hours (without using a fever reducing medication like Tylenol).

● **BLUE (Not Applicable)**

- Badge is not used for access to any site. See qualtrics / etc...
- Students - Log into Health e-Messenger/Messages/New Messages/COVID Questions - SHS staff can help with badge status.
- The UC COVID-19 vaccination policy is not applicable because you are not coming to campus or any university site for any reason. If you want to come to campus, you must come into compliance with the UC Vaccine Policy and other COVID-19 mitigations.



To see the badge, students should go to your Health e-Messenger home screen and select **Show Badge**. The badge shows your status in one of the following categories:

Additional Protocol Details:

Pursuant to the Interim University Public Health Policy (BAS-0011), students are directed to comply with all public health mitigations for COVID-19. When failure to comply results in a badge that is yellow or “overdue”, students may be asked to adjust their mode of receiving the service (including “food to go”, on-line classes, etc.). Badges that are “red” will be denied access.

Specific examples of locations where you may be asked to show your badge include, but are not limited to:

- Classes and Research Labs
- Dining Services and Eateries
- Library Services
- Recreational Facilities and Activities
- Athletic Events
- Campus Transit
- Indoor and Outdoor Event Venues
- Travel Programs
- Field Research
- Health Services
- In-person Advising Services
- Housing

Failure by a student to present their badge may also result in restrictions to access or participation and may lead to student discipline for failure to comply with a directive.

Faculty, Instructors and other employees may request that a student present their badge in order to access in-person services or programs, and students are expected to comply with such request. Failure by a student to comply and present their badge may result in restrictions to access or limits on participation and may result in a referral to student conduct.

Issuing Office/Contact Information: Student Health Services (SHS)