

Student Guidelines and FAQs for Returning to Campus

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General Information

As we prepare to resume limited operations at the law school, our policies for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic are rooted in the following guiding priorities:

- Ensuring the health and safety of our law school community
- Upholding the distinct academic mission of our institution

Our plans for a phased re-opening are aligned with recommendations from the federal government, state and local health officials, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Law school administrators have been and will continue to monitor federal, state, and local guidelines related to social distancing, face coverings, and related health and safety best practices. Please refer to the following information and instructions that you will need to know before returning to campus.

Communications:

Students will continue to receive regular updates from Student & Diversity Services or CWSL via email, the Weekly Announcement email, and the Student Life Facebook page.

For the latest campus updates and information, click here: <https://www.cwsl.edu/covid-updates>

IT Support:

Students should contact the Student IT Technician for assistance at labhelp@law.cwsl.edu. You may also visit: <https://www.cwsl.edu/student-life/library/student-computer-services-distance-learning> for additional support.

Preparing to Come to Campus

Q: Where can I find health and safety guidelines for campus?

Students should bookmark the law school's dedicated [website for COVID-19](#) and check this site weekly, at a minimum, to ensure they are up to speed with law school policies and protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students should also review and follow the [Student Campus Health and Safety Guidelines](#) which provides guidance on symptom monitoring, campus safety protocols and reporting of symptoms.

Q: What should I bring in addition to my daily classroom materials?

1. An appropriate mask (with back-ups as needed) - See [CWSL Mask Guidance](#). For additional information on masks from the CDC https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html#anchor_1604966572663
2. Personal hand sanitizer (optional)

Q: Do I need to be tested for COVID-19 before coming to campus?

Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to be tested before coming to campus. Individuals with approved exemptions will be required to follow testing and safety protocols. For more information, see [CWSL Vaccine Policy](#)

Any individual who feels ill or has symptoms, should not come to campus. Students must email Attendance@cwsl.edu when missing classes due to illness. It is always recommended to contact your healthcare provider to determine if testing is necessary or go to a San Diego County testing site.

Upon Arrival

Q: What will the general process be for entering the buildings on campus?

Prior to entering any building on campus, you must be wearing a mask and show your ID card with approved sticker. Students will be provided instructions on obtaining ID cards and approved stickers directly via email prior to the start of the fall 2021 term.

Q: Has the law school's attendance policy been modified? If I am too sick to attend my virtual classes, how will that be handled?

Attendance is still required per the law school's Academic Policy; however, an attendance email address has been set up for use by students who are unable to attend

class due to COVID-19 issues. Students who are not feeling well should stay home and email Attendance@cwsl.edu for further instructions.

Q: What if I forget my mask?

The law school will have a limited supply of disposable masks available if you forget your mask. Should you forget your mask, please go to the security station in the Castetter 225 Courtyard or at 350 Cedar St. to request a disposable one.

Navigating the Buildings

Q: Where may I attend remote classes on campus?

The following areas have been designated as areas where students can attend remote classes while on campus:

- 1) Castetter 225 Courtyard (tables outside)
- 2) 2nd Floor of the 290 Building (Library)

Q: May I eat on campus? Yes. We encourage you to find a space outdoors (or indoors in socially distanced locations) to eat and drink while on campus. Masking is required while on campus (whether indoors or outdoors) unless actively eating or drinking. Food and drinks should not be consumed during classes unless necessary for health or medical reasons.

Q: May I use the campus elevators and stairs?

Yes.

Q: Will I have access to campus restrooms?

Yes. Gender neutral bathrooms are available in each of the campus buildings and hand sanitizer is available outside bathrooms.

Q: Will I have access to kitchen facilities?

Yes. The student kitchen is in the lower level of the 350 building. Students will have access to refrigerators, microwaves, instant hot water, and sink for preparing food brought from home.

Avenue CWSL, the law school's self-service food and beverage space, will be open normal building hours for individuals to purchase packaged meals.

Q: Can I order food for delivery to me on campus?

Yes, but visitors are not allowed on campus. You must arrange to pick up the food

delivery outside one of the campus buildings. Food delivery vendors will not be allowed access to the campus buildings.

Library Access

The 290 Building (the Library) is open except for the study rooms until further notice. For a full list of services, to reach a librarian with a question, or to schedule a research appointment, please visit: <https://cwsl.edu/library>.

Building 350 Access

Q: Can I use a locker while on campus?

Yes. Student lockers are available in the 350 building, lower level or 4th Floor (access is only via stairs). ADA accessible lockers are designated and located in the lower level of the 350 building. Lockers are first come, first serve. Students **must** register their locker with Student & Diversity Services or face the potential of the lock being removed.

Details about how to register your locker will be provided in the [SDS Canvas course](#) or by emailing studentservices@cwsl.edu by the start of the fall term.

Q: Can I reserve a student room or use other student designated spaces?

Yes. Student study rooms in the 350 building will be open for reservations. Students reserve study rooms at the main Security Desk (1st floor) for a maximum of 2 hours per sessions. The 350 Student Lounge and Student Organization Room are all open for use.

Q: Where can I meet with my professors on campus?

Students should arrange to meet with their faculty in-person or on Zoom as directed by the faculty member. We encourage meetings outdoors in the Catteret 225 Courtyard or via Zoom with in-person indoors meetings scheduled only if health and safety guidelines dictate this is appropriate.

COVID-19 Testing:

Q: Do I need to be tested for COVID-19 before coming to campus?

Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to be tested before coming to campus. Individuals with approved exemptions will be required to follow testing and safety protocols. However, should you be feeling ill or exhibiting symptoms, please do not come to campus and call your doctor for additional instructions. See above for instructions on notifying the law school if you will be absent due to illness.

Q: Where can I get tested?

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Health plans are required to cover COVID-19 tests at no cost to the enrollee, even if you are asymptomatic. It is recommended that you first contact your healthcare provider for a COVID-19 test as many of them will cover testing. If you are unable to get a test from your healthcare provider, the County of San Diego has coordinated free diagnostic COVID-19 testing at many locations. These tests take about 5–10 minutes. Results generally come back in approximately 3 days.

[Click here for SD County Free Testing sites](#)

Q: Should I get tested regularly during the course of the trimester?

CWSL will not require students or employees to receive ongoing testing during the course of the trimester unless they have an approved medical or religious/personal exemption. Quarantined students must have prior medical approval before returning to campus. You must present your medical approval to the COVID-19 designated contact prior to returning to campus. A student may request permission to resume campus access only upon the expiration of 10 days after symptom onset and resolution of fever for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medications, and without other symptoms.

Q: Do I need to tell someone in the administration if I have tested positive or are having symptoms for COVID-19? What is the process to provide notice?

Yes. Students are to email Attendance@cwsl.edu informing them of their test with a copy of documentation. Instructions will then be provided.

Q: Will I be notified if a fellow student or any member of the community tests positive?

Yes. The law school will notify individuals on a case-by-case basis if they are believed to have come in contact with another individual who has tested positive.

Q: Will the school disclose my name if I test positive and notify the school?

No. CWSL will protect the rights of its students, faculty, and staff and therefore will not release any medical information to any members of the community who do not need to be made aware.

Additional questions may be directed to vaccine@cwsl.edu or to the appropriate law school department.

Campus COVID-19 Updates are found at <https://www.cwsl.edu/covid-updates>