

A large, faint, orange-toned watermark of the St. John's College Santa Fe seal is visible in the background. The seal is circular and features a central pair of scales of justice. Surrounding the scales are several open books. The Latin motto "LIBEROS FACIO" is inscribed around the top half of the seal, and "LIBRIS" is visible at the bottom. The text "ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE SANTA FE" is printed in white, sans-serif, uppercase letters in the lower-left quadrant of the image.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE SANTA FE

Fall 2021 Reopening Plans

FALL 2021 REOPENING PLANS The college is committed to in-person learning for the 2021-2022 academic year. While this document does not outline all of our health plans nor cover the operations of specific offices, it is intended to provide an overview of the policies and procedures that will govern on-campus learning, living, and working for the Fall 2021 semester. If public health conditions require it, these plans will be adapted as necessary during the year.

Public Health Plans

- COVID-19 vaccinations are required for all students for the 2021-22 academic year. Exemptions are available for religious and medical reasons.
- Universal testing is required for all community members; those who provide documentation of a completed vaccination series may exempt from the testing requirement. Until further notice, all unvaccinated persons are required to be tested weekly.
- Masks are required for vaccinated and unvaccinated persons inside all college buildings.
- Social distancing is encouraged.
- The college has isolation units reserved for students who have contracted COVID-19. These units are available free of charge to any student who contracts COVID-19, assuming capacity limits are not reached. The college will provide drop-off meal service to positive students and daily wellness checks.
- Per CDC guidelines, vaccinated students who are exposed to COVID-19 do not have to quarantine, but unvaccinated students who are exposed to COVID-19 must quarantine. The college does not have quarantine units available. In the event of exposure, unvaccinated students should be prepared to quarantine at their own expense at an off-campus location.
- Community members who are experiencing suspected COVID-19 symptoms have a responsibility to stay home, get tested, and notify their supervisor or tutor(s).
- Students, faculty, and staff are required to cooperate with the Executive Director, Campus Health, and follow the instructions of the Student Health Center regarding quarantine and isolation.
- If an outbreak occurs or COVID-19 cases increase in our area, the college may recommend temporary restrictions on access and activities as outlined on the dashboard.

Academic Plans

- All classes will be in person (except low-residency GI program).
- All other formal academic requirements (don rags, orals, etc.) will be held in person.
- Physical distancing in classrooms and in buildings continues to be recommended where possible and reasonable; classroom occupancy to return to normal.
- If public health circumstances necessitate, classes will be held online for a limited period. This might apply to a specific class/section or more broadly.

- Students should be prepared to meet the [“minimum technology requirements” from Academic Year 20-21](#), in case of such a necessity.
- The attendance policy as described in the Student Handbook will be in effect.
- Students are responsible for working with the Assistant Dean and their tutors should they need to quarantine or isolate. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure they keep up with their classwork.
- A student who accrues an excessive number of absences may be withdrawn from class, per the standard Attendance Policy in the Student Handbook; if this number is exceeded specifically due to isolation or quarantine, reasonable exceptions will be made for COVID-related excessive absences (at the discretion of the Assistant Dean, in consultation with the tutors, and taking into consideration non-COVID-related attendance patterns). As always, students should avoid unnecessary absences.
- The Dean’s Lecture and Concert Series will be held in various formats this year (in person and online, indoors and outdoors) and will be subject to our general protocols.

Residence Hall Plans

- All residence halls are open.
- Guests are permitted in the halls.
- Residence hall common rooms and kitchens are open.
- Masks are required in all areas of the residence halls except individual student rooms.

Student Life Plans

- Social events will be scheduled outdoors, as appropriate, and food and beverages will be permitted.
- The gym will resume normal occupancy, as appropriate, with masks being required.
- Outdoor athletic events will resume a normal fall schedule.
- The dining hall will resume normal operations, with “to-go” containers available to all students .
- Vaccinated students may eat as normal in the dining hall. Unvaccinated students are expected to maintain at least 6 feet of distance from others while eating in the dining hall.
- The Coffee Shop will resume normal operations. Community members should be masked at all times in the Coffee Shop unless actively eating or drinking.

Other Campus Operations

- The Meem Library and Bookstore will return to normal operations; masks are required.
- The mailroom will return to normal operations .
- The Business Office, Registrar Office, Dean’s Office, Assistant Dean’s Office, and President’s

Office will return to normal operations with some physical distancing in-place.

- The Student Health Center will be open for medical care by appointment only. Students are required to call to schedule appointments in advance. All counseling appointments will be through telehealth until public health conditions improve.
- Event spaces (non-classrooms) will operate according to posted fire capacities.
- Events requested by non-college entities will require special approval.

Guests and Visitors

- A guest is someone without an ID card who is temporarily accessing campus for a short period of time.
- Guests are permitted without restriction but require an escort in classrooms, residence halls, and other restricted areas of the college.
- Guests must wear a mask indoors but are not required to present proof of vaccination or a negative test.
- There are no additional special procedures for guests at this time.

Public Health Guidelines

After 18 months of modified behavior and limited access, the college is returning to full, in-person operations for the 2021-2022 academic year. This table shows what Public Health guidelines are in effect based on current CDC guidance for different community constituencies.

| Public Health Behaviors | Students | Staff & Tutors | Guests |
|---|--|--|--------------|
| Vaccine or Approved Exemption Required* | Yes | N/A | N/A |
| Masks Required** | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Testing | Vaccinated: Exempt Unvaccinated: Weekly | Vaccinated: Exempt Unvaccinated: Weekly | N/A |
| Positive COVID Test | Isolate 10 days minimum | Isolate 10 days minimum | N/A |
| Quarantine for Close Contacts | Unvaccinated and/or Symptomatic People | Unvaccinated and/or Symptomatic People | N/A |
| Testing 3-5 Days After COVID Exposure | Yes | Yes | On their own |

* Campus access is linked to compliance with the testing policy; if a student, faculty member, or staff person requires access to campus for any reason, they must have a confirmed vaccine record or participate in testing.

** Masks are required inside all college facilities for all people regardless of vaccination status.

Space Guidelines

After 18 months of modified behavior and limited access, the college is returning to full, in-person operations for the 2021-2022 academic year. This table shows what Public Health guidelines are in effect based on current CDC guidance for different locations on-campus.

| Space Guidelines | Academic Spaces (Classrooms, Library, etc.) | Residence Halls (Student rooms, common spaces, etc.) | Social/Athletic Spaces (Gym, Dining Hall, Coffee Shop, etc.) | Work Spaces (Admin. & Tutor Offices, etc.) | Outdoors |
|-------------------|--|---|---|---|-------------------------|
| Access | SJC ID or escorted | SJC ID or escorted | SJC ID or escorted | SJC ID or escorted | Public |
| Masks Required | Yes | Yes * | Yes | Yes** | No |
| Social Distancing | Encourage when possible | Encourage when possible | Encourage when possible | Encourage when possible | Encourage when possible |
| Cleaning | Enhanced | Enhanced | Enhanced | Enhanced | N/A |
| Ventilation | MERV13 filters/ Increased outside air flow | MERV13 filters/ Increased outside air flow | MERV13 filters/ Increased outside air flow | MERV13 filters/ Increased outside air flow | N/A |

* Masks are not required in your own room.

** Masks are not required if in a private office alone.

Fall 2021 Campus Dashboard and Operating Phases

BLUE | Return to all activities

- Requires widely available and effective vaccine, effective therapeutics, and/or full immunity among community
- No limitations or risk mitigation strategies necessary

Green | Essential, Low-, Medium-, and High-Risk Activities

- Appropriate masking requirements
- Testing and contact tracing of all symptomatic students and employees
- Testing strategies vary for vaccinated and unvaccinated persons

Examples of activities during this phase

- Fully in-person instruction
- Full capacity use of campus facilities, including the library and the gym
- Dining hall returned to full capacity for vaccinated persons; unvaccinated persons still required to distance while eating
- Residential housing returned to full capacity

YELLOW | Essential, Low-, and Medium-Risk Activities

- Some physical distancing and appropriate masking requirements
- Testing and contact tracing of all symptomatic students and employees
- Testing strategies vary for vaccinated and unvaccinated persons

Examples of activities during this phase

- Some instruction online/remote and/or hybrid with more classes returning to some in-person instruction
- In-person instruction includes some distancing and limitations on classroom capacities
- Limited operations of campus facilities, including the library and the gym
- Dining hall limited to only take-away options
- Residential housing with reduced capacity, limited visitor policies, and all common rooms and kitchens closed

ORANGE | Essential and Low-Risk Activities

- Strict physical distancing and appropriate masking requirements
- Testing and contact tracing of symptomatic and asymptomatic students and employees

Examples of activities during this phase

- Only essential employees and others with special approval are reporting to campus
- Most instruction online/remote and/or hybrid
- In-person instruction includes strict distancing and limitations on classroom capacities
- Limited operation of campus facilities, including the library and the gym
- Dining hall limited to only take-away options
- Limited residential housing (single rooms only) with strict visitor policies and all common rooms and kitchens closed

RED | Essential On-Campus Activities

- Strict physical distancing and appropriate masking requirements
- Testing and contact tracing of symptomatic and unsymptomatic students and employees

Examples of activities during this phase

- Only essential employees and others with special approval are reporting to campus
- Access to all campus buildings is restricted
- Campus facilities are closed
- Instruction is 100 percent remote/online
- Residential and dining operations are closed

Factors to be considered when determining operating phase:

- State positivity rate
- County positivity rate
- State vaccination rate
- County vaccination rate
- On-campus vaccination rate
- Number of SJC community cases
- Number of on-campus isolation beds in use
- National, state, and/or county regulations or guidance

To see where we are on a variety of public health metrics, [visit our dashboard](#), which we update weekly.