

NCP COVID Policy

What you need to know about accessing the NCP facility:

- 1. Proof of vaccination or exemption is required**
 - 2. Indoor masking is required**
 - 3. Symptom monitoring is required**
 - 4. Weekly COVID testing is strongly recommended for all and required for everyone who tests positive and wishes to return to in-person learning**
 - 5. Reporting possible COVID exposure while at NCP is required**
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Dear NCP community:

As the community prepares for the 2022–2023 academic year, the New Center for Psychoanalysis continues to prioritize the health and safety of the community. With that aim in mind, the following policy and procedures have been created, taking into consideration the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH), California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines.

All staff, students, faculty, members, and guests who physically access the New Center for Psychoanalysis facility must adhere to the NCP COVID Policy. We are relying on each community member to take responsibility for their own health and safety to support the safety of the community as a whole.

This policy is current as of 8/16/2022

NCP protocols are as follows:

- 1. Proof of vaccination is required for staff, students, faculty, members, and guests**
Proof of full vaccination (two shots and a booster) and second booster (if eligible per LACDPH), or submitting a request for exception (i.e., an approved exception to COVID vaccination based

on a medical exemption, disability, or religious objection) or deferral (i.e., an approved deferral of vaccination based on pregnancy).

To support a safe learning environment, staff will ensure that all fall classes can be attended via Zoom.

Frequent visitors to the facility will have the option to allow NCP to record vaccination status for reference and quicker entry into the facility.

2. Indoor masking is required

Indoor masking will continue for all students, faculty, members, and guests to the NCP facility, regardless of vaccination status. This decision will be reevaluated periodically, such as when LA County case numbers, test positivity rates, and other metrics improve. As a reminder, masks are available—free of charge—at the front desk.

Please refer to the [NCP COVID Table Summary of Recommendations and Requirements](#) for indoor masking requirements and associated narrow exceptions.

To limit staff exposure to COVID, it is NCP's policy for staff not to be in close contact with students or faculty in a closed, confined space. Conversations should occur outside or in a well-ventilated space with all parties masked.

Each NCP classroom has its own HVAC system with intake and output points for increased ventilation. Additionally, the auditorium may be used to increase social distancing and can be requested for a hybrid setup.

While indoors, please refrain from eating or drinking. Breaks have been worked into the classroom schedule and should be taken advantage of for eating and drinking outside the facility. We invite you to use the picnic table on the patio off the kitchen or the seating in the garden, both of which have wifi access.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work to keep our community safe.

3. Symptom monitoring is required for students, faculty, members and guests

Everyone visiting the NCP facility must complete the [Symptom Monitoring Questionnaire](#) within the 24-hour period leading up to the visit. Those who are sick or present symptoms of COVID must not come to the facility for any reason.

The Symptom Monitoring Questionnaire contains the following questions.

- Are you up-to-date with COVID vaccines (It has been at least 14 days since you received the primary series and have also received any required boosters) or do you have an approved exemption (i.e., an approved exception to covid vaccination based on a medical exemption, disability, or religious objection) or deferral (i.e., an approved deferral of vaccination based on pregnancy)?

- In the past 24 hours, have you experienced any of the following (not due to allergies or other chronic medical conditions):
 - Fever (at or above 100.4 Fahrenheit or 38 degrees Celsius)
 - Used medicine to reduce fever
 - Feeling feverish
 - Chills
 - Cough
 - Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
 - Sore throat
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Diarrhea
 - Severe fatigue
 - Headache
 - Loss of sense of taste or smell
 - Nasal congestion
 - Runny nose
 - Nausea
 - Vomiting

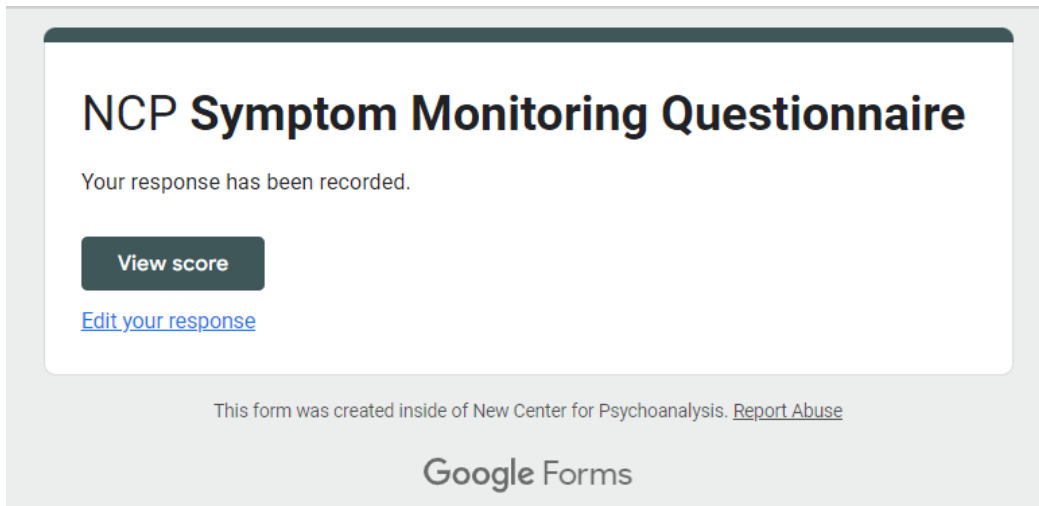
- Have you had a positive COVID test in the past 10 days (or 20 days if you are immunocompromised)?

Immunocompromised indicates you take chemotherapy for cancer, have untreated HIV with a CD4 count of < 200, have Combined Primary Immunodeficiency Disorder, or take prednisone at a dose of 20 mg or more daily for the last 14 days.

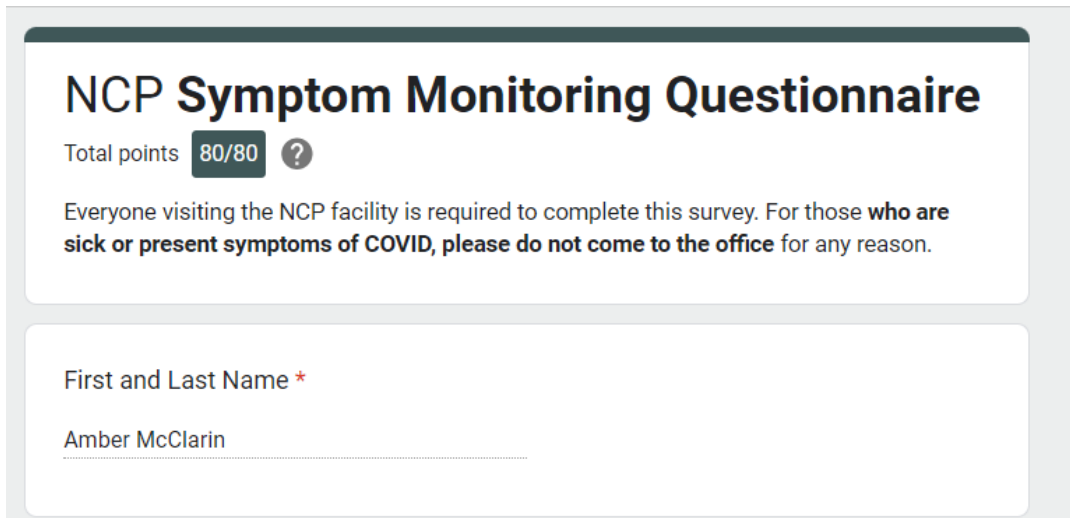
- Are you currently staying at home because of illness, concern over COVID exposure, or because you were placed into quarantine by your provider or public health officer?

- To the best of your knowledge, have you been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID in the past 10 days?

After submitting the survey, confirm your ability to visit the NCP Facility by clicking the “View score” button to view the survey results.



A score of 80 out of 80 (80/80) clears you to visit the NCP facility. Anything below 80/80, please refrain from visiting the facility. If you have questions, please contact your Program Administrator. Christian Bold at christianb@n-c-p.org for CAPP & APP, Cheryl Difatta, cheryld@n-c-p.org for CAPT & APT programs)



4. Weekly COVID testing is strongly recommended for all and required for everyone who tests positive and wishes to return to in-person learning

Weekly COVID testing is strongly recommended but not required for staff, students, faculty, members, and guests.

5. Reporting possible COVID exposure while at NCP is required

If an individual tests positive for COVID within 10 days of visiting the facility, they must email healthandsafety@n-c-p.org to inform the staff of their infection and provide information about those who may have come into contact with and the date they learned about their infection.

Staff will inform any individual or cohort who may have had contact with the infected person. The name of the individual with COVID will not be shared.

The immediately impacted cohort will be quarantined for 10 days before in-person classes can resume.

Individuals who test positive for COVID and wish to return to in-person classes must provide two negative at-home COVID tests taken two days apart (i.e. testing on Monday and Wednesday) in conjunction with submitting a qualifying [Symptom Monitoring Questionnaire](#). Please email your Program Administrator (Christian Bold for CAPP & APP, Cheryl Difatta for CAPT & APT) about your anticipated return date.

NCP administration reserves the right to update or change this policy at any time in accordance with best practices, assumed community risk, and local government guidelines.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding. We look forward to having a wonderful 2022-2023 season.

Sincerely,

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