

Subject: Dean's update on use of Bren Hall in Summer 2021

Date: Wed, Jun 30, 2:43 PM

Dear Bren Faculty, Staff and Students,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the State of California, Santa Barbara County Public Health, and the UCSB administration approved faculty, staff, graduate students, postdoctoral students, and researchers to work from Bren Hall following the safety guidelines described below. Please read this message carefully and comply with the guidance herein.

Return to work on campus is voluntary for faculty and staff for the period of July 1 - August 31, 2021. If you have been working from home, you may continue to do so until the end of August. Beginning on September 1, 2021, all faculty and staff will be expected to return to campus for regular work duties. Fall Quarter classes are anticipated to be in person with 100% capacity in classrooms.

Remote work after September 1: Depending on job duties, some staff may have the opportunity to work remotely for a portion of their work week. There will be new guidelines for remote work options released by the campus administration in the next week. Once we have those guidelines, remote work schedules for Bren staff must be approved by Bren senior managers. Please direct questions about remote work to your supervisor or Assistant Dean Satie Airame (for Bren staff) or Program Manager/Business Officer Boris Palencia (ES staff) after the new guidelines are released.

How to return to Bren Hall: Faculty, staff, graduate students, postdoctoral students, and researchers who would like to use their offices or other spaces in Bren Hall on a voluntary basis in Summer 2021 must complete the following tasks:

Actions you must complete prior to coming to campus:

- 1) Complete the COVID-19 Returning to Work Training e-course offered through the [UC Learning Center](#) (one time).
- 2) Complete daily [COVID symptom survey](#) and obtain a "cleared to work" digital badge prior to coming to campus (daily).
- 3) Unvaccinated students are required to undergo weekly COVID-19 testing to gain access to campus (weekly).
- 4) MESM and MEDS students: If you need access to Bren Hall between July 1 - August 31, 2021, you must sign up on this [Google sheet](#) before you are approved to use Bren Hall. Faculty, staff, PhD students, postdoctoral students, and researchers are authorized to access Bren Hall without signing up.

On campus, you must follow the campus safety protocols:

- 1) Vaccinated individuals are not required to wear face coverings indoors or outdoors except under the following conditions: on public transit, indoors in K-12 schools, childcare and other youth settings, and healthcare settings. There is no social distancing requirement indoors or outdoors for vaccinated individuals.
- 2) Unvaccinated individuals are required to wear face coverings in all indoor campus spaces and in vehicles used during the course and scope of employment.
 - Unvaccinated individuals do not need to wear a face covering under the following conditions: if alone in an enclosed office, if a medical condition/disability prevents wearing a mask, they are hearing impaired, wearing a mask creates a risk associated with their work, or during brief periods of eating and drinking while maintaining at least 6 feet distance from others.
 - Unvaccinated individuals without face coverings must maintain a 6-foot distance from others.
- 3) Open windows and doors where permitted.
- 4) Wash your hands regularly and clean surfaces.
- 5) Report any COVID-19 cases to ucsb-covid19@ucsb.edu or 805-893-3113.

COVID-19 vaccine verification: The UC vaccine mandate for faculty, staff, and students will be finalized and issued on July 15, 2021. Deadline for vaccination policy compliance will be September 6, 2021. Self-attestation of COVID-19 vaccination status will be accepted for the interim summer period.

- If you were vaccinated by UCSB Student Health, a record of your vaccination already is on file with UCSB.
- If you were vaccinated by any other facility (not UCSB Student Health), then upload proof of your COVID vaccination to: [Student Health Services](#) patient portal by September 6, 2021.
- If not vaccinated for COVID-19, then you will need to follow the safety protocols for unvaccinated individuals.

Supervisors and faculty advisors may ask:

- if employees and students are “cleared to work on campus” and/or “cleared to work on campus without wearing a mask.”
- to see an employee’s or student’s digital badge allowing them to work on campus.

Supervisors and faculty advisors may not ask employees or students about their vaccination status.

If you have questions about returning safely to Bren Hall, please contact Building Manager Sage Davis (for Bren School) or Program Manager/Business Officer Boris Palencia (ES). I look forward to seeing you on campus!

Cheers,
Steve Gaines