

ARC COVID Policy on Visitors to Apache Point Observatory – Effective October 1, 2021

All visitors to the Apache Point Observatory (APO) are required to adhere to the following policy established by the Astrophysical Research Consortium (ARC) Board of Governors until further notice. This policy is meant to protect the APO staff and other visitors during the COVID-19 pandemic, is effective on October 1, 2021, and holds until removed by the ARC board. (The APO staff follows similar restrictions based on policies of New Mexico State University).

- 1) All visitors to APO must be fully vaccinated* against COVID and provide proof of vaccination OR show proof of a negative COVID test from within 3 days prior to arrival at APO. The latter will be subject to on-site COVID tests upon arrival and at subsequent times as needed.
- 2) Masks must be worn indoors in shared spaces at all times AND outdoors when social distancing is not possible such as when working in close proximity.

Visitors that do not adhere to the above policy will not be allowed to remain on site. Those testing positive at APO as well as those in unmasked close contact with the former will be self-isolated.

* In this context, people are considered to be fully vaccinated 2 weeks after their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or single dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine.