



OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

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Dear LACCD Colleagues,

On June 15, California Governor Gavin Newsom has called for a statewide economic reopening. I wanted to update you on how this impacts the District and our colleges as we prepare for our own re-engagement and resumption of larger scale in-person activities during the summer and upcoming Fall 2021 semester.

All nine colleges are planning to host [COVID-19 vaccination clinics](#) throughout the month of June on rotating schedules to support efforts by California and the County of Los Angeles to get more vaccinations to young people of color and residents in underserved communities.

People who are vaccinated at any of the clinics prior to June 15 are automatically eligible to be part of the state's ["Vax for the Win"](#) incentive program. The clinics at Los Angeles Pierce and Southwest are already part of the County's ["Vaccination Sweepstakes"](#) program and LACCD is working with the county to add other campus locations into future drawings. In addition, the LACCD colleges will be offering specific incentives for current students who get vaccinated at the college-hosted clinics.

Face Masks and Social Distancing

By all accounts, we appear to be nearing the end of the pandemic. The District's Emergency Operations Center sent an update yesterday concerning the changes for facial coverings and social distancing as approved by Cal OSHA, but late word last night from Cal OSHA is that for now existing rules for facial coverings and social distancing remain. Talk to your immediate supervisor if you have any questions.

Summer Session

Our summer sessions begin on Monday, June 14, with courses and services primarily operating in remote environments, per the prevailing conditions and requirements at the time when schedules were set. While we don't expect too many changes, many personnel will begin to transition back to their worksites over the next two months.

Preparing for the Fall Semester

Over the last year, the colleges have completed deep cleaning and sanitization across the college campuses and at our satellite centers. Our facilities team is also creating new work order management tools to improve service call response times, increase service intervals in high traffic areas and improve the monitoring of class schedules for cleaning purposes.

For the Fall 2021 Semester, health officials have confirmed that we can phase-in nearly all in-person operations that we had pre-COVID. To do that safely and to provide you additional assurance of a safe return, we are going above the minimum standards of safety and for cleanliness.

Our District Facilities, Planning and Development Division has been working closely with the colleges to ensure we have clean and safe workplaces, classrooms, libraries and other learning facilities. The District has implemented several improvements for ongoing maintenance and operations to ensure we have clean, safe and welcoming work and learning environments for all, including:

- **Review and updated cleaning protocols and schedules at each college**
- **Availability of abundant Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), face shields, gloves and hand sanitizer**
- **Improved heating ventilation air conditioning (HVAC) duct cleaning**
- **Upgraded HVAC filter media and HVAC system repairs and replacements**
- **Improved air circulation with introduction of outdoor air, where possible, in HVAC systems**
- **Implementation of innovative measures to have HVAC systems with pathogen killing devices**
- **Incorporating new building standards with our capital improvement program.**

Should you have any questions or seek to learn more about a college's cleaning protocols, the campus-specific Operations Manager and College Facilities Director welcomes your direct communication.

Stay Safe and Remain Vigilant

Thankfully, there is light at the end of the tunnel. California now has some of the highest vaccination rates and lowest positive cases of COVID-19 of any U.S. state. Please encourage anyone who is not yet vaccinated to get vaccinated – it is the safest way to protect oneself and halt the community spread.

Thank you for your attention to this important communication.

With my admiration and respect,



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