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**LACCD'S NINE COLLEGES HOST COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS IN JUNE TO HELP SERVE LOCAL COMMUNITIES "GET OUT THE VACCINE"**

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Community College District ([LACCD](#)) today announced that all nine of its colleges will be hosting 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 into the arms of young people of color and residents in underserved communities.

LACCD's Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC) served as the critical kick-off site for a "Get Out the Vaccine" rally on Tuesday, June 8, that featured key members of California Governor Gavin Newsom's Cabinet—including Yolanda Richardson, Secretary of the Government Operations Agency (GovOps) and Lourdes Castro-Ramírez, Secretary of Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency. They met at LATTC with about 200 members of several community-based organizations who then canvassed the neighborhoods around LATTC to promote awareness about COVID-19 vaccinations.

"The colleges of LACCD are proudly hosting a variety of free, local vaccination clinics throughout the month of June to serve our communities and to help our students and their families get vaccinated. We educate the county's workforce and essential, front-line workers who need every opportunity to get vaccinated as part of our state's plan for a safe and equitable economic recovery," LACCD Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez, Ph.D., said. Chancellor Rodriguez attended the rally along with Board of Trustees member Mike Fong.

The rally at LATTC comes just a few days after the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health [announced](#) that vaccination rates in the county are lowest among African Americans and Latino residents ages 16 to 26 as well as residents in underserved communities.

At LATTC, the college is partnering with [Kedren Health](#), a community health center in South Los Angeles that has been at the forefront of vaccination efforts in the county. Kedren Health opened a clinic at LATTC on Tuesday directly in support of the college's community and the rally.

Kedren has operated numerous pop-up sites in Los Angeles since vaccination efforts began earlier this year as well as clinics at its own South Los Angeles and Watts health centers. The LATTC clinic will operate at least once a week for the next six weeks in the college's 24<sup>th</sup> Street parking structure. Specific additional dates will be announced on the LATTC website and social media sites.

"We're proud to be working with LATTC to help equitably distribute and administer vaccines to L.A.'s Black and Latinx communities. It is absolutely critical that we bring the vaccine into the places where people live, work, worship, play and learn," Dr. Jerry Abraham, Kedren's top physician for vaccines said. "This is the last big push and there's not a moment to waste."

LATTC President Katrina VanderWoude, Ed.D., thanked Dr. Abraham and Kedren Health for its partnership. "This partnership is particularly important because it helps to strengthen our local workforce. LATTC and the District's other eight colleges play a critical role in educating our

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economy's workforce and we also help serve the communities who need the vaccine the most. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with Dr. Abraham and Kedren. It makes us all stronger," Dr. VanderWoude said.

For about the past month, Los Angeles Pierce College and Los Angeles Southwest College have partnered with the City of Los Angeles Fire Department and will continue operating Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. until about June 20.

Los Angeles City College is working with Wesley Health Centers to provide clinics on weekends, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., while Los Angeles Harbor College has teamed up with the Los Angeles Unified School District for clinics for its personnel and with Providence Health for a clinic on June 16, 1-3:30 p.m. Providence will be doing even more clinics at Harbor in July and August.

East Los Angeles College (ELAC) already hosted several clinics earlier this month—and throughout the first six months of 2021—and will host a special clinic June 30 as part of a nationwide effort by the Biden Administration for similar clinics at large community colleges across the country. For many months, ELAC also was a COVID-19 testing site, serving tens of thousands of residents.

Los Angeles Valley and Los Angeles Mission colleges are working on even more clinics for June that will be announced soon. West Los Angeles College announced it will partner with Kedren for clinics on its campus. All of the colleges will post clinic information of their websites and social media platforms and reach out to students.

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 the other campus locations into future drawings for the county incentives. In addition, the LACCD colleges will be offering specific incentives for its current students who get vaccinated at the college-hosted clinics.

The LACCD colleges include: [Los Angeles City College](#); [East Los Angeles College](#); [Los Angeles Harbor College](#); [Los Angeles Mission College](#); [Los Angeles Pierce College](#); [Los Angeles Southwest College](#); [Los Angeles Trade-Technical College](#); [Los Angeles Valley College](#) and [West Los Angeles College](#).

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#### **About the Los Angeles Community College District**

We are the Colleges of Los Angeles! LACCD ([www.laccd.edu](http://www.laccd.edu)) is the nation's largest community college district, educating about 250,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California's diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions. Follow us on Facebook, [@LACCD](https://www.facebook.com/LACCD), and on Twitter, [@laccd](https://twitter.com/laccd) and Instagram, [https://www.instagram.com/laccd\\_edu/](https://www.instagram.com/laccd_edu/) @laccd\_edu.

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Los Angeles Trade-Technical College President Katrina VanderWoude, Ed.D., at podium, kicking off the rally June 8 at her college in support of the “Get Out The Vaccine” effort by community-based organizations to promote COVID-19 vaccinations in neighborhoods around the college.



Photo at left, Kedren Health’s Dr. Venus Oliva, left, and Kedren Medical Director of Vaccines, Dr. Jerry Abraham, right, want you to be their next patient at the weekly vaccination clinics they will be hosting at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College in June. The Kedren clinic vaccinated about 100 people on June 8, including person, below.

