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CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19: UPDATE #19

To: SDCCD Colleagues and Friends

From: Constance M. Carroll, Chancellor

I hope my message finds everyone well and safe. As we continue to teach and work remotely, I think we are all encouraged by the progress being made on the vaccination front. My message today is about that.

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency has announced that education workers living and working in San Diego County, including all employees in the San Diego Community College District, will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine beginning Saturday, February 27th.

As an employee of the District, you may contact your healthcare provider or any public vaccination site in the county to schedule an appointment to receive the vaccine. When using this option, you will need to provide proof of employment. To assist with this, the District's Human Resources Department is preparing employment verification letters that will be emailed to all active employees. Alternatively, you may show a recent pay stub or your 2020 W-2 as proof of employment and eligibility for the vaccine. If you do not receive an employment verification letter, cannot open or access the letter, or otherwise would like assistance with employment verification, you may contact the Human Resources Department at hrpayroll@sdccd.edu or (619) 388-6582.

Our medical benefits provider, VEBA, has partnered with the County of San Diego to provide educators and school employees access to the COVID-19 vaccine. However, due to the limited quantities of the vaccines available, VEBA is prioritizing education workers in K-12 districts to help the county meet its goal to resume in-person and hybrid K-12 instruction in April. We are awaiting more specific information on when VEBA will start serving San Diego Community College District employees. When eligible, all employees with medical insurance through the District will be able to log on to the VEBA system and schedule an appointment with one of our medical group partners. You will not need to provide additional proof of employment with the District when scheduling your appointment through the VEBA website. You may complete a contact form available at vebavaccinates.com to be notified of the most up to date information.

At this time, due to the limited vaccine supplies in San Diego County, dependents covered on your insurance will probably not be eligible to receive the vaccine. This may change as vaccine supplies allow. We encourage you to check the following websites for updates:

VEBA COVID-19 Vaccine General information updated daily: https://www.vebaresourcecenter.com/covid-19-resources/

San Diego County COVID-19 Vaccine site:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-

nCoV/vaccines.html

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues and as multiple agencies address the vaccination situation, things at times are confusing. By staying informed and by pursuing multiple strategies for accessing the vaccine, everyone should be successful in acquiring treatment in the near future. In the meantime, we will do our best to keep you informed.

Stay well.

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