



San Diego Community College District  
Office of the Chancellor

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## CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19: UPDATE #22

To: SDCCD Colleagues and Friends

From: Constance M. Carroll, Chancellor

The Board of Trustees and I hope that everyone is well. As we move toward the end of the semester, we want to be sure to make and to communicate all decisions and plans pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please take a moment to become familiar with the information that is provided in this message.

### FALL SEMESTER PLANNING

Plans for the fall include more sections of on-campus classes and class components than is currently the case. The chart below is a draft that outlines the components of fall semester scheduling, although this information will change as we get closer to the final May 28 deadline for scheduling decisions.

**Preliminary Section Count by Modality - Fall 2021**

College	Face-to-face		Hybrid (Synchronous or Exams Only)		Online		Total Sections	Comments
	Sections	%	Sections	%	Sections	%		
City	27	2.5	145	13.6	893	83.9	1,065	Fall 2021 Hybrid subjects: AODS, ANTH, BLAS, HUMS, CHIC, CHIL, HIST, POLI, PSYC, SOCO, BUSE, ACCT, INWT, COSM, ENGN, WORK, ANTH, ARTF, ARTG, COMS, DJRN, RTVF, ENGL, HUMA, LABR, JOUR, ELAC, PHIL, AMSL, ARAB, FREN, GERM, ITAL, RUSS, SPAN, DANC, MUSI, PHOT, DRAM, DANC Hybrid includes 118 Synchronous and 27 Exams Only
Mesa	203	12.3	282	17.1	1,165	70.6	1,650	Fall 2021 Hybrid subjects: VTAH, CHEM, EXSC, ANTH, PSYCH, SOCO, MUSI, GEOL, MATH, JOURN, COMS, MEDA, CISC, HEIT, RADT, PHLB, FASH, DRAM, GISG, ARTF Hybrid includes 226 Synchronous and 56 Exams Only Face-to-Face: Most use an AB schedule that splits students into groups. Many are STEM labs that offered due to concerns over transferability. Online: Arts/Languages and Exercise Science do not include concurrently scheduled sections
Miramar	149	14.6	106	10.4	769	75.0	1,024	On Campus or Hybrid subjects: ASTR, AVIA, AVIM, BIOL, CHEM, COMS, DIES, EMGM, EXSC, FIPT, GEOL, MLTT, PHYS, ACADEMY/IN-SERVICE High School Classes to remain online at the request of SDUSD Fall Schedule development still in progress
Credit College Total	379	10.1	533	14.3	2,827	75.6	3,739	
Continuing Education	0	0.0	89	12.3	632	87.7	721	Fall 2021 Hybrid: AUTO, CLTX, BUSN, FDNT, ESL, Welding, Information Technology, Plumbing, HVAC, Electronics, Acute Care, Behavioral Aide, Restorative Assistant, Personal Care Aide
Districtwide Total	379	8.5	622	13.9	3,459	77.6	4,460	

**Notes:**  
High School Classes to remain online at the request of SDUSD  
Fall Schedule development still in progress. For CE schedule production in the system has not begun.

### VACCINATION REQUIREMENT PLANNING

One of the biggest issues regarding reopening our campuses and administrative and support work sites is whether there will be a vaccination requirement for in-person instruction and/or operations. Over the past two months, many colleges and universities have announced planning guidelines for the fall 2021 semester, with most announcing that they will mandate vaccination for employees and students as a requirement for returning to in-person instruction and work, but with others opting for "strong encouragement" instead of a

requirement. Because these decisions affect many, many people, the San Diego Community College District has been deliberate and methodical in its approach. We have been conducting surveys of employees and students in order to understand how our internal communities view this important decision and providing participatory governance groups opportunities to make recommendations. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we try to "get this right."

The Chancellor's Cabinet has received input from its advisory taskforces, which include representatives from the Academic Senates, Classified Senates, AFT Guild, Management and Supervisory groups, Facilities, Educational Services, and Human Resources. It is important to me, and it is important to the Board and the Chancellor's Cabinet to ensure that our decisions are well-informed by data, as well as by input from the stakeholder groups in our District. Employees and students were also surveyed for their input. *The results of the employee survey and the student survey are attached for your information.*

The surveys show similar results, with approximately 53% of employees and students strongly favoring a vaccination requirement for the fall semester and nearly 70% of respondents expressing a preference for all or most people on-site being vaccinated. The students also indicated their preferences for instructional modalities and the challenges they have been facing. In consideration of the decisions among higher education institutions in San Diego County, the concerns and preferences stated by employees and students, and the rate of COVID-19 infections in our communities, **the San Diego Community College District will require employees and students to be vaccinated in order to work, take classes, and receive services in-person during the fall 2021 semester.**

This decision is contingent on the Federal Drug Administration's (FDA) fully authorizing one or more COVID-19 vaccines. It is widely anticipated that the FDA will fully authorize the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines prior to the start of the fall semester. The Human Resources Division will establish a process for employees to verify vaccination status, as well as a process for employees with medical or religious concerns related to vaccination to request an exemption and reasonable accommodation consideration; details on these processes will be sent out by Human Resources Vice Chancellor Greg Smith in the near future. Educational Services Vice Chancellor Susan Topham will work with the colleges to establish procedures for students to verify vaccination status as part of the enrollment process.

In view of this decision, and in view of the recommendations and protocols of public health officials, we strongly urge everyone who has not yet done so to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

### SDCCD COVID-19 CASE TRACKING

The District continues to track all COVID-19 positive cases, both those occurring on-site and those occurring offsite. We are grateful that the number is still quite low. The chart below provides an overview of all cases to date.

San Diego Community College District COVID-19 Positive Case Report May 16, 2021												
	City College		Mesa College		Miramar College		*Continuing Education		DO DSC POA	District wide		Grand Total
	Stu	Empl	Stu	Empl	Stu	Empl	Stu	Empl	Empl	Stu	Empl	
September	0	0	21	0	4	0	0	1	1	25	2	27
October	0	5	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	0	12	12
November	4	2	4	0	4	3	1	0	3	13	8	21
December	35	4	47	1	15	0	5	1	3	102	9	111
January	50	5	18	5	24	5	3	9	19	95	43	138
February	25	3	33	4	27	1	4	1	2	89	11	100
March	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	5	1	6
April	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	4	10
May	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	4	2	4
Total	120	22	128	12	76	13	13	15	30	339	92	429

Note: December - March totals have been updated with 100% remote student cases reported by the county

### PHASING-IN THE RETURN TO ON-SITE ACTIVITIES

The overall SDCCD plan going forward is this. At present, things will stay much as they are, with most instruction offered online and most operations conducted remotely. By fall, the goal is to have many more classes and operations provided in-person and, by spring, to have the entire District reopened for in-person instruction and operations. In the meantime, the Chancellor's Cabinet members and the managers will determine the identification and incremental timeline for classes and employees to gradually return to on-site work. This effort will officially begin on July 1, when specific areas of the campuses and District Offices will partially reopen. We anticipate that more information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. Every effort will be made to ensure that this is a secure and comfortable transition for everyone, with the understanding that the required work of City, Mesa, Miramar, and Continuing Education colleges, as well as the work of the District Offices will determine how the in-person plan will actually roll out.

### RETURN TO ON-SITE ACTIVITIES WORKGROUP UPDATE

In response to a number of requests, the Return to On-site Activities Workgroup membership has been updated. They meet regularly, review issues, and provide recommendations pertinent to the COVID-19 situation as it pertains to opening the campuses and departments. Please contact your representative on the workgroup with any concerns or recommendations you may have.

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## IN CONCLUSION

As always, thank you for being such a resilient group of professionals. The climate regarding health issues is steadily becoming more positive, as the numbers of people vaccinated increases and as the trajectory of the pandemic flattens, especially in the United States and particularly in California. This is good news for all of us.

Stay well!



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