



June 8, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

Please find a summary of the work we are doing to plan for a safe **return to campus**.

### **Return to Campus Plan**

- On June 4, the Emergency Operations Center and Policy Team reviewed and finalized all of the submitted return to campus plans submitted by the various departments. We also reviewed and discussed the related facility and technology projects, associated timelines and next steps to ensure we support the department plans.
- Our facilities department partnered with an engineering firm to do an analysis of air quality and HVAC systems in all campus and education center buildings. All required repairs and upgrades will be complete by the end of summer. An update on progress will be posted in a memo following the June 15 update from the Governor's Office and associated public health agencies.
- Our technology team initiated the installation of required audio-visual equipment in conference rooms and in some classrooms for continued ZOOM usage.

### **Vaccination Policy & Support for Vaccines & Testing**

- On July 6, the Governing Board will conduct a second reading of the recommended revisions to BP/AP 5210 Communicable Disease - Students, and BP/AP 7330 Communicable Disease -Employees. The revisions provide the District with the ability to create a Vaccination and Immunization Plan in the event of an epidemic or pandemic.
- The collective bargaining negotiation process to discuss the impacts of BP/AP 5210 and BP/AP 7330 on working conditions, including legal exemptions from a vaccine mandate, are underway.
- We will continue to ensure access to vaccines for students and employees. Through our partnership with Neighborhood Health Care, monthly vaccination events are scheduled to be held at the Escondido Education Center and the main campus. Dates will be rotated between the two sites. In addition, we are planning additional smaller vaccination opportunities through a partnership with Albertson's/Vons at all four of our locations starting in early July.
- Health Services is currently working with athletics on a program for routine antigen testing, which will begin this summer - pending a signed MOU with the California

Department of Public Health testing program and Governing Board approval. If all/most are vaccinated on campus, the need for testing would be minimal, but we will be prepared to assist particularly in higher risk areas like athletics and perhaps for allied health programs.

### **Tracking, Check-In & Next Steps**

- We are in the process of determining the most efficient and effective approach to collecting the appropriate data on vaccinations while abiding by all legal requirements. This basic process will be shared in the next memo following the June 15 updates from the Governor's Office and associated public health agencies.
- We will modify our Return to Campus plan following guidance received on June 15 from the Governor, CAL-OSHA , and other public health agencies. All available details will be shared with you all as soon as possible post the June 15 update.

Thank you all for all you do. Stay well!

Cheers,

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