



DATE: June 25, 2020

TO: Chabot-Las Positas Community College District

FROM: Chancellor Ronald Gerhard, CLPCCD  
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SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update

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Dear Colleagues:

On Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Governor Newsom and Assembly and Senate leadership reached an agreement on the final 2020-21 state budget. This budget is very favorable to K-14 as it anticipates using significant future federal funding to backfill what would be a 10% reduction in funding. We are thankful and appreciative of the Governor's and Legislature's recognition that community colleges are a critical and significant part of the State's post COVID-19 shelter-in-place economic recovery, and thus we have temporarily avoided a significant reduction in State funding. As we finalize our 2020-21 budget, we must now adjust our sights on the next three fiscal years, through 2023-24. More details on the budget included below.

**The following are some updates for this week (as of June 25, 2020):**

**State Budget Update:** As stated previously, Governor Newsom and Assembly and Senate leadership reached an agreement on the final 2020-21 state budget. In my estimation, this budget is the best we could have expected from the State as it avoids for one year likely significant reductions. Significant provisions include:

- Approves the extension of our hold harmless period by an additional two years (through fiscal year 2023-24)
- No funding cuts to the Student-Centered Funding Formula (SCFF)
- No cost-of-living adjustment
- No growth funding
- Approves cash deferrals of \$1.45 billion, our projected proportionate share is approximately \$20 million
- Maintains the 70/20/10 split between enrollment, supplemental and student success allocations
- Provides \$120 million in one-time funding to support COVID-19 grants related to expenses and services to students
- Rejects proposed cuts to Strong Workforce, Student Equity and Achievement Program, and Adult Education program (keeping funding at 2019-20 levels)

- Creates a food pantry expense within the Student Equity and Achievement Program
- Supports 40 capital outlay projects (including the M&O Building at Chabot)
- Approves the Governor's Budget proposal to provide \$700,000 one-time General Fund to support a working group to review current rules governing the use of athletes' names, images and likeness per the Fair Pay to Play Act
- Reduces funding for Calbright College by \$45 million (\$5 million ongoing and \$40 million one-time)

Both the Assembly and Senate are expected to approve the amendments later this week. Once approved, the budget package will be presented to the Governor for signature by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**State and County's Executive Order:** As a reminder, the current local and State orders include the following guidelines: The order to shelter-in-place and work remotely remains in effect until rescinded by the State and Alameda County. As of now, the vast majority of us are still working remotely. For your information, attached is [Alameda County's Reopening Plan](#) (as of June 8, 2020). Additionally, as part of this new order, each organization must prepare a training manual for their employees. You may view our [CLPCCD training manual here](#).

**Payroll will continue normal operations.** Employees will be paid on time, **including hourly employees who were authorized to work and submitted a timesheet within the payroll deadline.** In June, all paychecks will be distributed either through direct (ACH) payments to the employee's bank account or through USPS mail.

**County Health Update:** Alameda County has reported 5,140 confirmed cases of COVID-19 (last updated June 24, 2020). Per [Alameda County's Health Order No. 20-14 COVID-19 Site-Specific Protection](#) from June 5, 2020, please take time to read and review the updated protocols.

**Reminder - Health Protocols:**

- If you are an essential employee and feeling sick, do not come to the office, contact your doctor, and notify your supervisor. While at or away from the office, please continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently, and follow other standard health practices.
- A reminder that all essential employees must speak (no texts, emails, or voicemails) to their immediate supervisor (or someone else if directed) to answer three simple questions (e.g. cough, fever, shortness of breath, etc.) before entering the workspace.
- All essential employees should wear a face covering while in public spaces and maintain their social distancing of six feet.

As always, please continue to visit the [district urgent alerts webpage](#) for up to date information, and contact your Presidents' Office or administrator for additional questions and/or guidance.

Regards,

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