



DATE: July 30, 2020

TO: Chabot-Las Positas Community College District

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SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update

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Dear Colleagues:

Well, we are now getting close to the end of our summer, and that means that our annual Convocation is around the corner. As you probably imagined, due to the pandemic and our current shelter-in-place orders limiting large group gatherings, we will celebrate Convocation in a virtual setting. Thus, our upcoming 2020 CLPCCD "virtual" Convocation will take place on Thursday, August 13, 2020, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Agenda details and a live stream link will be emailed closer to the event date.

I look forward to celebrating with you, the official beginning of the 2020-2021 Academic Year! We have much to celebrate and appreciate as everyone has worked so hard to respond to this pandemic in a way that honors and supports our students. So please add Convocation to your calendars.

**The following are some updates for this week (as of July 30, 2020):**

**Fall Planning:** Both Colleges, in consultation with District and public health advisories, have created scenarios for fall classes that reflect the ongoing COVID-19 challenges. The first **COVID-19 Scenario**, based upon the earlier flattening curve in our County and State caseload, planned around distance education for most classes in fall, with a significant number of hybrid and socially distanced class sections, in areas in which pedagogy is difficult to deliver through distance education modalities.

We were hoping to move forward, and much work went into planning protocols for socially distanced classroom spacing and antiseptic cleaning routines. It is now clear that, even with those protocols planned, in light of the recent spike in numbers during this period, we cannot insure the health and safety of students and employees with strategies developed for a scenario based upon reduced contagion---when contagion is flaring. We are, therefore, moving in parallel on both campuses to the updated response to the current public health conditions in our communities.

Fall Semester:

1. Instruction during fall semester 2020 will be delivered online or through other remote modalities to limit the number of students and staff on campus.

2. Generally, exceptions will be classes listed by the State Chancellor's Office as part of the course sequence required for essential worker education/training, such as nursing and automotive training.

Thank you for your steadfast work and flexibility in meeting not only County health orders but also ensuring continued support and access for our students.

**State and County's Executive Order:** As of July 12, 2020, Alameda County has been put on the State's monitoring list. Per State guidance issued on July 1, counties that are on the Monitoring List are required to close indoor activities in the areas listed below for a minimum of three weeks. Please see [press release for latest information](#) on the County's shelter-in-place status.

**Payroll will continue normal operations.** Employees will be paid on time, **including hourly employees who are authorized to work and submit a timesheet within the payroll deadline.** In July, 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 10,773 confirmed cases of COVID-19 (last updated July 29, 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 (Revised):**

- 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.
- Close contact for a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection was previously defined as being within 6 feet of the individual for at least 10 minutes. The definition has changed to being within 6 feet of the individual for at least 15 minutes. This change is reflected in updated [Isolation and Quarantine Packets](#) (available in 7 languages) that all providers must disseminate to all patients being tested or who are presumptively diagnosed with COVID-19 without testing before they leave the health care facility.

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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