



DATE: August 21, 2020

TO: Chabot-Las Positas Community College District

FROM: Chancellor Ronald Gerhard, CLPCCD
President Susan Sperling, Chabot College
President Dyrell Foster, Las Positas College

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update

In spite of the pandemic, power outages and now air quality/fires in our area, I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. Please find our weekly update below.

The following are some updates for this week (as of August 21, 2020):

COVID-19 positive case update: This week, we have a report of a positive COVID case (may have been exposed outside the work place) at Chabot College. The last date this person was on campus was August 7, 2020. When CLPCCD leadership learns of an ill employee, notice is provided immediately to each individual that is believed to have had direct contact with the infected individual and they are directed to self-quarantine and consult their physician. *If you have not been individually notified, it means that you did not have direct contact with the employee and consider this only an informational communication. Please understand that we are unable to provide personal information or additional details at this time due to personal privacy issues.*

As the health of our employees remains our priority, we are conducting contact tracing within a 14-day time period. Contact tracing continues to be led by respective employee supervisors. We understand that this ongoing news of employee COVID cases may be unsettling and cause for concern. Per guidelines from the Alameda County Health Department, members of the CLPCCD community continue to be considered low-risk, due to mandatory face coverings and social distancing protocols implemented. Please continue to follow all health guidance for social distancing, hand washing, face covering, and covering a cough/sneeze.

COVID-19 Planning: For the very limited fall classes conducted face-to-face and essential operations, the District is working with certified industrial hygienists to review and update our safety plans and on campus configurations. Beginning next week, the firm will be on site and will provide additional health and safety guidance and recommendations. We have adopted new

communication protocols for all students and staff related to future campus impacts that we hope will address issues and provide consistent information to all impacted.

Local Air Quality Management: The District has [established practices](#) based upon air quality and wildfire smoke. Please be aware of the air quality in the area and have staff and instructors take appropriate actions when we reach high temperatures and poor air quality. Although the air quality is slowly improving, this week the Livermore and Hayward areas reached AQI levels above 150, which indicates we should modify staff working outdoors and athletics outdoors activities. At AQI over 200 you may consider cancellation of classes if the forecast does not look to improve the air quality for the duration of the scheduled class.

Next week, the weather is forecast to begin cooling down from the current hot and humid temperatures. Please remind all staff working on site to remain hydrated and to take breaks in the shade whenever possible.

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.