

DATE: February 10, 2022

TO: Chabot-Las Positas Community College District

FROM: Chancellor Ronald Gerhard, CLPCCD

SUBJECT: CLPCCD Mask Mandate Remains in Place

Please be aware that our district-wide mask mandate continues to remain in place at this time.

This week, both Governor Newsom and the Alameda County Department of Public Health announced decisions to lift most indoor mask mandates, beginning February 16, 2022. Despite this decision, businesses and institutions may opt to keep the mask mandate in place to maintain the safety of their communities. **Masks will continue to be required indoors** at the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Offices, Chabot College, and Las Positas College.

There are many reasons we are proceeding in this direction at this time. Key among them is our ability to welcome back thousands of students this week to again experience face-to-face instruction in a safe and supportive manner. At a later date, based upon county and district data, this decision will be reevaluated.

Please note that indoor masking is required regardless of vaccination status. Masking is an effective strategy that helps prevent the spread of the virus and keeping the mandate in place will allow us to maintain face-to-face instruction and expand in-person services. While the lifting of the mandate by local health officers represents that our county is moving in the right direction, in terms of higher vaccination rates and lower daily case rates, I urge you to continue to follow all safety protocols so we may continue to keep our students and employees safe.

Please <u>click here</u> to read the full press release from the Bay Area health officers and remember to view the <u>urgent alerts webpage</u> for updates and resources.