



DATE: March 2, 2022

TO: Chabot-Las Positas Community College District

FROM: Chancellor Ronald Gerhard, CLPCCD

SUBJECT: CLPCCD Mask Mandate Remains in Place Amid New Statewide Announcement

As expected, national and statewide COVID-19 policies continue to change as we see promising data regarding declining case rates and hospitalizations rates. On February 28, 2022, the State of California announced that after 11:59 p.m. on March 11, indoor mask mandates for schools would transition from being a requirement to a recommendation.

This follows the CDC's announcement last Friday that, due to widespread population immunity, the agency would adopt a new framework to determine whether the level of COVID-19 and severe disease are low, medium, or high in each community. Calculating this level of risk at the local level will be up to county health agencies. The Alameda County Public Health Department is still evaluating the recently announced policy changes and will be sharing their local assessment in the coming days.

These recent developments do not yet change our district's masking policy. Masks are required indoors at Chabot College, Las Positas College, and District offices. We appreciate your continued partnership with this important layer of protection until we are able to review how any changes to our current safety measures will impact members of our community. Schools and school districts have the ability to more slowly lift the safety measures that are in place to protect students, faculty, and staff, and we will take our time to ensure our local decision is thoughtful and appropriate for our district.

After a difficult last two years, I am cautiously optimistic about what these new policies indicate for where we are headed as a state and a nation in regard to this pandemic.