



**COVID-19  
MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT**

**MARCH 2021**

**Board of Trustees  
April 22, 2021**

The Board of Trustees is presented with a COVID-19 Monthly Update Report each month, with the last one presented on March 11, 2021. The information provided in this monthly update report includes any changes related to campus operations and the COVID-19 pandemic that occurred during the month of **March 2021**.

**COVID-19 ON-CAMPUS REPORTED CASES**

Confirmed, reported positive cases of students and employees who work or attend class(es) on-campus.

	July 2020	Aug 2020	Sept 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021
Employees	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1
Students	0	1	6	3	2	0	8	33	5

**IN-PERSON COURSES, SPRING 2021**

10 Exempted Programs in Essential Workforce Fields following an authorized strict, indoor instructional protocol

- Offered in hybrid format with online lectures and in-person labs
- 43 courses with 531 duplicated students, approximately 185 unduplicated students

Physical Education Courses following a strict, outdoor instructional protocol (beginning February 1)

- Offered outdoors with restrictive social distancing and no physical contact, masking and individual control of equipment
- 47 courses with 754 duplicated students, approximately 550 unduplicated students

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT USE OF WAKE CAMPUS FACILITIES**

Santa Barbara County Public Health no longer offers vaccinations at the Wake Campus. They relocated their vaccination center from the Wake Campus to an alternate facility

after the week of March 8, 2021. The change in location was initiated by SB County Public Health.

## **VACCINATIONS FOR EDUCATION SECTOR**

Beginning April 5, 2021, persons ages 16+ became eligible to schedule appointments for vaccination. Although SBCC is not requiring vaccination for employees or students, all members of our College community are encouraged to schedule an appointment for vaccination.

## **INFORMATION SHARING AND WEBSITES**

Current updates and information available on *SBCC Websites*:

### *Business Services* - [Return to Campus Projects page](#)

Information related to District provided PPE, supplies, and sanitizers, as well as HVAC/ventilation, classroom capacities, safety precautions, and special event updates.

<https://www.sbcc.edu/businessservices/returntocampus.php>

### *Human Resources* - [Return to Campus for Plans and Guidelines](#)

Information related to employees, forms and guidelines

<https://www.sbcc.edu/hr/employee-return-to-campus.php>

### *General Information* - [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Campus Updates](#)

Information related to COVID, updated by Marketing and Communications.

<https://www.sbcc.edu/newsandevents/covid-19/covid-19-campus-updates.php>

## **FACILITIES SAFETY PROJECTS**

The District Facilities and Operations team continues to install health guards across all three campuses, with a focus on employee offices, reception areas, and other administrative shared spaces. The timeline to complete Installation of Health Guards in these spaces is by June 2021. The District continues to assess how health guards can be utilized in classroom spaces.

Photos of health guards installed in work spaces are available on the [Health Guard Installation and Requests 2021 list](#) shared campus wide.

Hands free hand sanitizers wall mounted and free standing have been purchased and are prepared to be installed on all three campuses.

Classroom capacity planning continues to be reviewed, analyzed and discussed as COVID-19 restrictions are updated. The Facilities department will be updating the living document titled [Classroom Capacity & HVAC COVID 2021 list](#) for all classrooms on Main, Wake and Schott campuses. This list provides current data and capacity percentages and description of furniture.

A 50 foot by 30 foot tent was purchased and installed at the Wake Campus. This location will be used for educational purposes.

### **HEATING VENTILATION AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC) ASSESSMENT**

Palt and Associates, an HVAC specialist consulting firm, started the process of completing an HVAC assessment across all three campuses at the end of February 2021. The assessment is planned to be complete by mid April 2021. The results of the assessment will be published and will inform the District of what repairs are needed and/or which spaces require modification to increase the air change rate.

### **ADDITIONAL COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDING**

#### **HEERF II**

*The following information on HEERF II funding is carried over from the previous months report as it remains applicable with funding decisions in progress.*

The District will be receiving \$11.8M as a part of the new federal COVID Emergency Relief Funds, the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II). Of the \$11.8M, there is a requirement to spend at least \$2.8M on emergency relief financial aid grants to students. This leaves a maximum of \$8.9M available to the institution to spend on additional financial aid grants for students and/or to cover costs related to COVID.

The HEERF II comes with new spending rules that are less restrictive than HEERF I. The institutional portion of the funds can be used to cover any costs associated with:

- significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus,
- defraying expenses associated with coronavirus (including recovery of lost revenues),
- or to carry out student support activities that address needs related to coronavirus.

Employees, departments and units were able to request HEERF II funds through a request form through February 26, 2021. The District received over 140 requests for HEERF II funds from employees, departments and units. Requests were compiled into various expenditure categories for public review at the College Planning Council (CPC) on March 16, 2021. After receiving new information about how the funds can be used for recovery of lost revenues, the list of approved or declined proposals was updated to reflect using a substantial amount of the funds for lost revenues. This information was brought forward to CPC April 6, 2021. Requestors will be notified their proposal was approved or declined and approved spending can begin late April.

Applications for direct aid to students opened on February 10, 2021. Currently, efforts to award (\$2.8 million to credit students, and \$300,000 to noncredit students) are underway. The District will award additional resources going forward as informed by the ongoing impacts of the pandemic.

### **HEERF III**

The District received \$21.1M in March 2021 from HEERF III of the American Rescue Plan Act. A minimum of 50% of the funds (\$10.736M) must be spent on student grants. The institutional portion (\$10.383M) is planned to be spent on additional student grants, recovery of lost revenues, and COVID mitigation related expenditures. Employees, departments and units will be able to request HEERF III funds through a request form in the end of April, same as they did for the HEERF II funds.

### **TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT**

The District continues to make available to students and employees various technology devices. The latest number of chromebooks and hotspots checked out is as follows:

- 1,185 chromebooks checked out (Students 1,027, Employees 158)
  - 130 chromebooks still available for check out
- 980 hotspots checked out (Students 753, Employees 227)
  - 93 hotspots still available for check out

The IT Department continues to provide other technology devices such as scanners, webcams, iPads, iMacs, and other essential equipment to students and employees.