

# COVID-19 MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT

July/August 2021

Board of Trustees August 26, 2021 The Board of Trustees is presented with a COVID-19 Monthly Update Report each month, with the last one presented on July 22, 2021. The information provided in this monthly update report includes updates and changes related to campus operations and the COVID-19 pandemic that occurred up to August 17, 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

	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021
Employees	0	0	2	5
Students	0	0	1	13

# **IN-PERSON COURSES FALL 2021**

In-person courses are scheduled in the following departments: Accounting, Administration of Justice, Anthropology, Art, Automotive, Biology, Business Law, Biomedical Sciences, Business Administration, Culinary Arts, Chemistry, Communication, Computer Science, Drafting/CAD, Early Childhood Education, Economics, Environmental Horticulture, Emergency Medical Technology, English Composition and Literature, Entrepreneurship, Environmental Studies, Earth and Planetary Sciences, Finance, Film and Television Production, Film and Media Studies, Graphic Design and Photography, Geography, Health Education, History, Interior Design, Journalism, Multimedia Arts and Technologies, Mathematics, Marine Diving Technologies, Management, Marketing, Music, Personal Development, Physical Education/Dance/Athletics, Philosophy, Photography, Political Science, Psychology, Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, Sociology, Theatre, Arts, Vocational Nursing, and Zoology.

The estimated number of in-person credit students, over the course of a week, is approximately 3,000, and in-person noncredit is approximately 1,500. For the Fall 2021 semester, about 25% of sections offered are in-person.

#### **VACCINATION MANDATE FOR SBCC, BEGINS OCTOBER 1**

At a special Santa Barbara City College Board of Trustees meeting held on August 5, 2021, Resolution No. 1 COVID-19 Immunization was passed. Similar to other institutions of higher education, SBCC is instituting a COVID-19 Vaccine requirement for all employees, students, and members of the public who are on any SBCC property, effective October 1, 2021 or upon issuance of final FDA approval for at least one COVID-19 vaccine, whichever comes earlier. Any persons present in any campus building must be fully COVID-19 vaccinated as of October 1, 2021, or obtain an authorized exemption.

As of October 1, 2021, or upon issuance of final FDA approval for at least one COVID-19 vaccine, whichever comes earlier, students and employees, and members of the public who have not received the COVID-19 vaccine but have an approved exemption, may be present on district property or participate in college activities only if they (a) wear N95 Masks at all times while on SBCC property or SBCC teaching locations; and (b) provide SBCC with negative test results each week for COVID-19.

Face coverings must continue to be worn indoors at all times while on any SBCC property (except when alone in private offices) in accordance with the Santa Barbara County Public Health requirements.

#### **CHECK-IN STATIONS AND DAILY WRISTBANDS**

In order to serve students safely here at SBCC and in accordance with Santa Barbara County Public Health orders, face coverings are required indoors. Additionally, daily Healthy Roster check-in and a daily colored wristband will be issued to grant permission to enter campus buildings, effective August 23, 2021. Social distancing is recommended in crowded public areas. There will be 7 tables across Main campus, and one at Wake and Schott, designated as check-in stations for students and employees to receive wristbands.

#### **EMPLOYEE COVID RELATED GUIDELINES**

A detailed document providing faculty and staff with COVID guidance and information, along with a one-page document, were distributed on August 17th. The documents provided the COVID Response Coordinator contact information and responsibilities for additional support moving forward.

During the multiple forums and meetings held during the Fall Kickoff on August 19 and 20, detailed presentations with coming to campus information was provided, and COVID protocol related questions were answered.

#### **CASH TO VACCINATED STUDENTS**

During the months of August and September, 2021, the District is handing out \$100 cash to each SBCC student who is currently enrolled (Summer I, Summer II and/or Fall 2021) AND also has proof of their COVID-19 Vaccination. Hours and times were provided to the campus via email. As of August 18, we have given the \$100 incentive to 2,367 students. Employees from across departments are volunteering at the cash hand out stations to facilitate the events.

#### **VACCINATIONS ON CAMPUS**

COVID-19 Vaccinations are now available to residents ages 12+. Additionally, off-campus vaccination sites are open to residents without needing to make an appointment in advance.

On-campus Vaccination clinics were held on the district's Main Campus on August 13, 17, 18, and 19 (number of vaccines provided were 11, 13, 13, and 27 respectively). The vaccination clinic and COVID testing on August 13 was provided specifically for international students, however it was open to all students. We anticipate these numbers growing as students physically return to campus.

Upcoming vaccination clinics are scheduled for Wake on August 24, for Schott on August 25, and Main Campus August 26.

There is no fee to community members receiving the vaccination and it is not required to be an SBCC student to be vaccinated on-campus.

# **COVID TESTING ON CAMPUS**

COVID-19 testing was provided on campus on August 13 and August 16, 2021. Testing is scheduled and will continue two times a week from August 23 to September 16. Additional testing will be scheduled for the remainder of the semester, to accommodate the resolution requiring weekly testing of persons with approved vaccine exemptions.

# **VACCINATION DISCLOSURE**

Information Technology created a form which can be filled out online for employees and students to upload their vaccination information. This form and process is live for employees and students. Proof of vaccination can be uploaded using the form and when approved, individuals can obtain a vaccination confirmation sticker. The Office of Communications created a vaccination sticker, much like our previous bus pass or activity sticker, that can be attached to an SBCC ID. The sticker can be shown whenever a person wants to disclose their vaccination status.

As of August 20, 2021, 562 employees and 3,951 students have uploaded their vaccination card into their employee/student record.

#### **TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT**

The District continues to make available to students and employees various technology devices. The latest number of chromebooks and hotspots checked out as of **August 15, 2021** are:

- 987 chromebooks checked out (Students 844, Employees 143)
  - o 476 chromebooks still available for check out
- 921 hotspots checked out (Students 695, Employees 226)
  - 266 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.

#### **COVID-19 RESPONSE COORDINATORS**

The District has assembled a team of three individuals, Michael Yee, Dana Billings, and Timothy Fouch, with specific expertise regarding COVID-19. This team of experts will work on planning, prevention and response needs for the campus. Referred to as *COVID Response Coordinators*, or *COVID Compliance Officers*, they will be sharing information with the campus community via a *Newsletter* (currently being developed), as well as updates and other outreach in preparation for on-campus activities. The Office of Communications will continue to work on streamlining the main Webpage.

Urgent matters are directed to contact their new Hotline (805) 316-7927 or email the team at <a href="mailto:covidresponsehotline@sbcc.edu">covidresponsehotline@sbcc.edu</a>.

Each Coordinator also has their individual emails and phone extensions. Their bios/profiles were shared with the campus on August 6, 2021 via email and are now on the COVID Campus Website: <a href="https://www.sbcc.edu/newsandevents/covid-19/covid-response-coordinators.php">https://www.sbcc.edu/newsandevents/covid-19/covid-response-coordinators.php</a>

# INFORMATION SHARING AND WEBSITES/CAMPUS MESSAGING

Campus-wide email highlights, requirements, and information will continue to be sent by Public Affairs and Communications. Each email is now available on the Colleges COVID-19 Website, listed by date; <a href="https://www.sbcc.edu/newsandevents/covid-19/covid-19-campus-updates.php">https://www.sbcc.edu/newsandevents/covid-19/covid-19-campus-updates.php</a>.