

# COVID-19 MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT

June/July 2021

Board of Trustees July 22, 2021 The Board of Trustees is presented with a COVID-19 Monthly Update Report each month, with the last one presented on June 24, 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 July 15, 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
Employees	0	0	2
Students	0	0	1

### IN-PERSON COURSES, SUMMER I and II 2021

Eighteen sections of courses are being offered in person for Summer I. The courses range from Chemistry to Theater Arts, and include courses in Cosmetology. The number of course sections offered in person in Summer II is approximately 47.

Overall course offerings have been reduced for Summer 2021 from Summer I 2020 by approximately 15%.

## **VACCINATIONS**

Vaccination is now available to residents ages 12+. Additionally, many vaccination sites are open to residents without needing to make an appointment in advance.

Vaccination clinics were held on the district's Main Campus on June 30 and July 7, 2021. On June 30, a total of 45 vaccinations were administered. On July 7, a total of 42 vaccinations were administered. Additional vaccination clinics are scheduled for Main Campus on July 24, 25, 28, and 29, 2021.

Planning is in progress for more vaccination clinics to be held in August and September on all three campuses.

## **CAMPUS MESSAGING**

Campus-wide email highlights sent by Victor Bryant, Acting Executive Director of Public Affairs and Communications, July 12, 2021:

Links to Cottage Health videos in English and Spanish that reflect the latest information on COVID-19 and the Delta variant:

English- <a href="https://youtu.be/SpEEYEWR3Nk">https://youtu.be/SpEEYEWR3Nk</a> Spanish- <a href="https://youtu.be/s9Be2fZm3bE">https://youtu.be/s9Be2fZm3bE</a>

- Since April, the Delta Variant has quickly become the most common cause of COVID-19 worldwide and is now the most common cause of COVID-19 in the US, as well as in California.
- Delta is the most infectious variant yet seen during the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Whether it causes more or less severe illness is being studied.
- Vaccine efficacy (effectiveness) figures are very hard to interpret, with reports often coming from very different countries/locations, and each report using different scientific approaches, and each population slightly different.
  - Trends are more important than exact efficacy data.
- The US Vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna, J&J) continue to provide very good protection against Delta Variant infection and excellent protection from severe disease.
- The Delta Variant is very likely to cause a surge in cases locally, but the approaching "Delta Serge" is going to look very different than any prior surge.
  - Half of our community has very good protection due to vaccines.
  - We know from the experience of other communities, that those who are unvaccinated remain the most vulnerable to severe disease.
  - Healthcare systems are likely to be impacted but less likely to be severely strained.

Facilities and Operations and the Vice President, Business Services, held a <u>HVAC Presentation on July 2. 2021</u> that was also recorded for viewing. Along with the slide presentation, a written *HVAC Questions and Answers* document was created from the participants. These items will be posted to the Business Services Return to Campus website by July 20, 2020.

### **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. HVAC assessment reports completed by Palt and Associates are available by building for all three campuses.

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

## Human Resources - Return to Campus for Plans and Guidelines

Information related to employees, forms and guidelines. Website has been updated to have Healthy Roster instructions and In-Person Safety Protocols in the 'Students'

section, as well as CDC self screening and Manager Return Guidelines under the employee section.

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

General Information - Coronavirus (COVID-19) Campus Updates

Information related to COVID, updated by the Office of 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. Faculty or Staff members can request installation of health guards in classrooms or additional health guard requests through the Facilities office.

Appropriately sized HEPA air purifiers were placed in all classrooms and large shared spaces on all three campuses. HEPA air purifiers continue to be placed in offices, upon request. The number of HEPA air purifiers placed throughout all three campuses is as follows: 216 in offices, 131 in classrooms, and 31 in large lecture halls or lobby type open spaces of buildings.

Employees can request small HEPA air purifiers for their offices through Facilities.

# **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 7/1/21 are:

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

#### **VOLUNTARY VACCINATION DISCLOSURE**

In support of the Board's motion of May 27, 2021 the District is developing procedures which will allow students to voluntarily disclose being fully vaccinated and for the district to track that information so that the status will not have to be repeatedly disclosed. Information Technology has created a form which can be filled out online for employees to upload their vaccination information. This form and process is live for employees. Proof of vaccination can be uploaded along with the form and when approved, an Office of Communications created sticker, much like our previous bus pass or activity sticker, can be attached to an SBCC ID. This can be shown whenever a person wants to disclose their vaccination status.

# **COVID-19 TESTING REGIMEN**

President's Cabinet is currently working on protocols for testing unvaccinated people. Unvaccinated people are defined as any person who has not voluntarily disclosed and documented being fully vaccinated. Testing is scheduled to take place on all three campuses.

# **COVID TEAM HIRING**

Regarding the COVID-19 Response Coordinator, applications were received and interviews took place in July. The candidates selected are in process to be hired and there is a placeholder on the July 22 board agenda to hire three individuals to serve in this capacity.