



OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

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Dear LACCD Colleagues,

This week's announcement by the University of California (UC) and the California State University (CSU) systems to require mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations for all personnel and students returning to their campuses in the fall has generated a lot of interest and media coverage. Other colleges and universities have also made similar announcements in California and around the country. We will be closely monitoring their situations and any subsequent action by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to approve a vaccine for non-emergency, mandatory use.

Currently, the Los Angeles Community College District has not made any decision regarding mandatory vaccinations for its personnel or students, but we have the matter under review.

We strongly encourage all who are eligible to voluntarily get a vaccination now. The District provides paid time off in order to get vaccinated. Health officials remind us that the "herd immunity" needed to end the pandemic will only happen when at least eight out of every 10 people are fully vaccinated. Several of our colleges are also serving as vaccination distribution sites for your convenience and to help serve our communities. Many locations throughout Los Angeles County are now also offering vaccinations without appointments. To find a location convenient for you, go to <https://myturn.ca.gov/>.

Since the pandemic began, the District has been focused on ensuring the health and safety of our employees and students. This remains a key element as we prepare and plan for a much higher level of in-person instruction and student services for the Fall 2021 semester.

As part of these efforts, effective May 3, we will begin using a new, more efficient check-in process for all personnel and students to access our colleges and District facilities. You will be hearing more about the process next week.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters.

With continued admiration and respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Francisco C. Rodriguez".

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