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Dear Colleagues,

Today I will send an email to all credit and noncredit students encouraging them to get vaccinated to protect themselves against the coronavirus. Unlike the UC and Cal State college systems, we will not require that our students be vaccinated before returning to campus. However, we will recommend strongly they and their families, as well as any of our employees who have not been vaccinated yet, do so for the following three reasons:

1. For personal health and safety.
2. To help protect the greater community.
3. To allow full in-person classes to resume at the college.

For the past three weeks, the college has hosted the Jewel City Vax Clinic located in the parking structure (Lot C) on our Verdugo Campus. The clinic is overseen and operated by the City of Glendale and Adventist Health. This week we are stepping forward to assist the partnership by encouraging our more than 15-thousand students and their families to take advantage of the convenient vax clinic located on our campus.

Please recognize that our aggressive “Vax for Vaqs” campaign may result in a number of phone calls and inquiries to the college district. If you receive any calls, please treat it as an opportunity as every student we can help get vaccinated brings us one step closer to returning safely to an in-person learning environment.

I have attached an information sheet for your use in the event you are approached by someone via phone or other method. If you find the person needs more help than you can provide, please direct them to our information webpage [glendale.edu/vax](http://glendale.edu/vax) which will feature a link to a live Zoom help site and an email address ([vax@glendale.edu](mailto:vax@glendale.edu)), when the live Zoom line is closed.

We have trained student workers staffing the live Zoom help site to assist anyone struggling with the reservation system which can be reached via this direct link: [bit.ly/jewelcityvax](https://bit.ly/jewelcityvax). In addition, the Jewel City Vax Clinic is welcoming walk-in appointments. As a reminder, the clinic operates from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday-Sunday.

College leaders continue to work on a plan to return safely to on-campus face-to-face instruction, subject to state and county guidelines. A vaccinated population is an important component in making a return to campus happen sooner than later. Let us work together to get maximum participation by our students, employees, and their families in the vaccination effort.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Viar'.

David Viar  
Superintendent/President