

January 5, 2022

GCC Students and Employees,

GCC is continuing our focus on safety, access, and success as we approach the start of the Winter Intersession at Glendale Community College on January 10, 2022. Based on an assessment of the changing status of the COVID-19 pandemic, the safety protocols established at GCC, and agreements with the faculty and staff unions, the following remain in place:

Safety

All GCC employees and students taking in-person courses must be vaccinated or have a GCC approved exemption. All are strongly encouraged to get their booster shots now. All students and visitors who wish to access GCC campuses must check in at one of the established entry points to receive a wristband indicating compliance with the College's vaccine mandate. All persons on campus must wear a mask while indoors (until further notice). Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or testing positive for COVID-19, cannot report to work or attend classes in-person, or access on-campus services.

Access

The Winter Intersession will continue as planned, providing options for students to take courses in a way that meets each student's needs. 85% of scheduled courses are fully remote with no on-campus presence and the remaining 15% of courses offered in-person to fully vaccinated students. Students in need of technology to complete coursework can access our collection of devices that include laptops, Chromebooks, internet hotspots, iPads, webcams, piano keyboards and calculators. Semester-long checkout is available for students at either the Verdugo or Garfield Campuses.

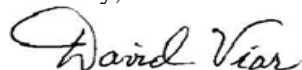
Success

Students who access our support services increase their chances to succeed. GCC helps students achieve their educational goals by continuing to offer online and in-person access to all student services including counseling, financial aid, admissions and records, library services, and student basic needs. Student activities, engagement and athletics remain a vibrant part of the college experience. I encourage you to take part.

GCC leaders are monitoring the pandemic situation on a daily basis and will continue to make changes if necessary and to meet federal, state, and county health protocols.

Over the last 22 months, the ever-changing pandemic has obliged GCC to remain adaptable, yet we have been steadfast in our commitment to safety, access and success. That will not change. The Board of Trustees and I appreciate all you are doing in support of each other and advancing your goals. We will keep you up to date if there are any significant alterations in how we provide our educational services. Happy New Year and best wishes in 2022.

Sincerely,



Superintendent/President Dr. David Viar

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