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Subject: Update on Campus Protocols

Greetings Colleagues,

Thank you for your patience as we finalized the details of the updated masking protocols for all Glendale Community College District property. Much appreciation goes to the labor and governance groups for their input and cooperation in crafting our modified guidelines for the remainder of the Fall semester that begin Monday, October 31, 2022, and the amended guidelines that will take effect beginning January, 2023. In the next few days we will inform our student body of the following changes to the masking and vaccination protocols:

Fall Semester 2022

Effective Monday, October 31, 2022, indoor mask requirements will remain in effect for all persons inside classrooms and instructional space while course instruction is taking place, **UNLESS** the faculty member makes the request to opt-out of this protocol.

Masks will not be required in open indoor spaces. **HOWEVER**, employees may require others to wear a mask during individual interactions that involve close contact with other employees, students, or members of the public. The District will enforce the mask requirement as negotiated in individual memorandums of understanding (MOU) with the Guild and CSEA. More in-depth descriptions of the modified guidelines and a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) related to the requirements will be available on the college website at glendale.edu/maskguidelines

Winter Session/Spring Semester 2023

After Fall 2022, unless otherwise required by public health regulations, masking indoors at GCC will not longer be mandatory. **HOWEVER**, instructional faculty may continue to require masking in their instructional sections as a means of providing additional personal protections. Instructors must submit their request to the Office of Instruction so it can be clearly listed in the class schedule. After Fall 2022, employees may continue to require others to wear masks when in close contact. More information will be available at glendale.edu/maskguidelines.

Changes in Vaccination Policy Beginning Winter 2023

At its regular meeting, The Board of Trustees to action to amend Board Policy 2507. Beginning in Winter 2023, the District will no longer require students or employees to be vaccinated for COVID-. The vaccination policy remains in effect for those students enrolled in the Fall semester. Those students registering for classes for Winter and Spring 2023 will be able to do so regardless of their vaccination status. The District strongly encourages everyone to get vaccinated and boosted for the health and safety of the entire community.

The evolving nature of the pandemic requires the College to be flexible to protect the health and safety of the community while fulfilling our educational mission. Moving forward, additional changes to GCC's mask guidelines will rely on applicable health orders from Los Angeles County and the State of California. The College will continue to provide masks and other personal protection equipment (PPE) to employees and offer vaccination and COVID-19 testing opportunities. In addition, the College will encourage best practices (vaccinations, mask wearing, hand washing, etc.) to reduce the spread of the virus.

The Office of Communications is working on signage (banners, digital monitors, door decals, printable signs) to inform the campus community of the amended guidelines, but the effectiveness of this message will rely on a "Campaign of Courtesy." Each of us may have loved ones or face unique challenges in our private lives that affect one's individual approach to health and safety. Therefore, please lead with kindness and respect when interacting with your colleagues. By supporting each other, we are in a better position to support our students with an ethic of care.

Thank you again for your continued commitment to our students and community.



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