

Protecting Students, Faculty, & Staff during a Pandemic Resolution

Whereas, the rising number of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, the rapid spread of more contagious variants (such as the Delta variant), and vaccine breakthrough cases make returning to campus following instances of COVID-19 exposure risky for students, faculty, and staff, as well as their family and loved ones.

Whereas, the lack of timely communication and transparency from the District has eroded the confidence of the faculty and staff, and exacerbated the trauma and stressors of an ongoing pandemic.

Whereas, the risk and stress of navigating COVID-19 exposure fall disproportionately and inequitably on part-time faculty, non-classroom faculty, and staff because they are not permitted to work remotely.

Whereas, the physical and mental health impacts of COVID-19 present major community health and equity issues that demand a community-based, equity-minded, and trauma-informed approach to in-person staffing.

Whereas, we as a college have a responsibility to protect the health, safety, and well-being of our students, faculty, staff, and community.

Resolved, that the Academic Senate and Classified Senate of Cuyamaca College strongly urge that following COVID-19 exposure, affected in-person class sections should transition to a remote modality for 7-10 days to enable everyone in that class, regardless of vaccination status, to allow at least 3-5 days in which to isolate, get tested, receive the results, and submit a negative COVID-19 test before returning to campus.

Resolved, that the Academic Senate and Classified Senate of Cuyamaca College strongly urge that following COVID-19 exposure, non-classroom faculty and staff, regardless of vaccination status, will work remotely for a 7-10 day period to allow at least 3-5 days in which to isolate, get tested, receive the results, and submit a negative COVID-19 test before returning to campus

Resolved, the Academic Senate and Classified Senate of Cuyamaca College strongly urge that all faculty, staff, and students in the District (not just the parties identified by contact tracing) be promptly notified of any known case of COVID-19 among any student or employee who was present on campus within the 10 days preceding a positive test for COVID-19 through email notifications; and for this information to also be publicly posted on our colleges and district websites. Specifically, the college and district shall report the following information: the date the individual tested positive, the college(s) and buildings at which the individual was present on-site within the 10 days preceding the positive test, and the date the individual was last on-site at any campus.

Resolved, that the Academic Senate and Classified Senate of Cuyamaca College strongly urge that all faculty (classroom, non-classroom, part-time, and full-time) and staff with health conditions; young children; or family members who are at-risk, immunocompromised, or who medically cannot get vaccinated should not be required or expected to return to campus during an ongoing pandemic.

Resolved, that the Academic Senate and Classified Senate of Cuyamaca College strongly urge that part-time faculty not be the primary source of labor for in-person classes, especially part-time faculty with low or no priority of assignment.

Resolved, that the Academic Senate and Classified Senate of Cuyamaca College strongly urge that there be parity between non-classroom and classroom faculty regarding the return to campus.

Resolved, that the Academic Senate and Classified Senate of Cuyamaca College strongly urge that free weekly testing be available for all students, including student athletes, and employees, and that it does not get processed through their insurance companies, so as to not impact their insurance coverage, premiums, or deductibles.

Resolved, that the Academic Senate and Classified Senate of Cuyamaca College strongly urge that free vaccinations be available on a weekly basis for all students and employees, and that it does not get processed through their insurance companies, so as to not impact their insurance coverage, premiums, or deductibles.

Resolved, the Academic Senate and Classified Senate of Cuyamaca College strongly urge that the processes, protocols, and guidelines for responding to COVID-19 exposure be transparent, accessible, published on the website and emailed, available in a visual format (i.e. flow chart), and in multiple languages, including English, Spanish, and Arabic, at a minimum.

Resolved, the Academic Senate and Classified Senate of Cuyamaca College stand with our students, faculty, staff, and community members who demand adequate consideration for their physical and mental health, well-being, and safety while we all remain vulnerable in the face of an ongoing global pandemic.