

## A message from the Porterville College President - Thursday, July 1, 2021

Dear PC Faculty, Staff, and Administrators,

On June 17th the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board voted to adopt the revised COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards. Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order to allow the revisions to immediately take effect. The updates include changes to face coverings and physical distancing requirements based on vaccination status. These changes support our phased in approach to returning to our campuses for fall and the intention of providing a full complement of on-site instructional, administrative, and student support services beginning August 9th.

I recognize that this is another in a series of substantial transitions, so initially employees will work a schedule that is a combination of on-ground/remote. I know many of you have already been working this type of schedule, or have fully transitioned back to campus; for all others, this will become scheduled and systematic for our return on the 9th. Employees eager to return to campus can do so at any time, and we encourage employees to begin this transition following the July 4th holiday.

Over the next two weeks, our COVID-19 Response Core Team will be working on updating the COVID-19 Reopening Protocols to reflect recent changes and any districtwide guidance, and I will send out more detailed information once we have completed this task. Until then, we will maintain the status quo with regard to wearing face coverings while indoors.

Please note that contact tracing will still be required of all employees; therefore, everyone must complete the coming on campus form on the website or via the KCCD Campus App and scan appropriate location QR codes.

I understand that this has been a period of uncertainty as we were waiting for updated guidance on COVID-19. We are committed to getting you clear direction to help you in your planning for a return to campus and some semblance of normal. As always, we are committed to your safety as we look towards meeting the needs of those students who were most impacted by the pandemic.

Thank You,



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President, Porterville College



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