

February 7, 2022

Dear Campus Community,

I am hoping that our college community continues to work together to get everyone's concerns answered and addressed. Any ongoing concerns regarding Covid can be provided to my office or be brought to the next campus briefing on February 11. I will ensure rapid and accurate replies and post the answers publicly on our [briefing web site](#).

I remain committed to being open and as communicative as possible with rapid and timely answers to all Covid queries. I hope you attend our next briefing to ask any remaining questions you may have.

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Skyline College President*

1. Move to providing online counseling programs & services during periods of COVID surge;
The Board of Trustees and the District have moved us forward as a community to provide in-person services and instruction. This is a negotiable matter as between the Board and the unions, and, at this time, there is no provision or MOU for moving services and instruction to an online format during a surge.
2. All students receiving counseling programs & services be provided with N95/K95/K94 masks through the end of the Spring 2022 semester, or beyond as necessary, especially during periods of COVID surge;
We continue to provide N95 masks to employees and KN95 masks to students. There is no plan for stopping distribution of masks.
3. Make COVID testing widely available, on a daily basis, to Skyline College students, faculty, and staff;
As discussed in the 2/4/22 briefing, we are making testing widely available. While the District has grappled with supply chain logistics and delays, we have added a new testing vendor to each of the campuses and the rapid test shipments continue to arrive for distribution.
4. The ability for faculty and staff to directly ask students health screening questions and if a student is COVID positive;
The District has implemented a self-assessment process and we are no longer creating check points or screening students or employees as of June 15, 2021. However, you are welcome to provide the self-assessment to students, and ask that they self-assess prior to entering your office. In addition, you can remind students that if they have recently tested positive they need to connect with Ray Hernandez before accessing in person services.
5. Clear administrative procedures document (as referenced in BP 2.90) that address visitors on campus: a definition of each in-person campus program, service and activity (in-person indoor class, indoor sporting game, indoor theater performance, etc.); definitions of each type of visitor to campus (guest, contractor, volunteer, student, employee, etc.); and corresponding details of which health and safety rules and practices are applicable to each;

[Click here for the link to the Interim Administrative Procedure connected to Board Policy 2.90.](#)

6. Advocate to reconcile that the Board Policy as it is now which has the potential to set up a two tier/inequitable system and does not invite our unvaccinated students in to events, while being open to all others.

If an event is open to the public, then all students are welcome. Examples of events open to the public: a performance in the theater with ticket sales; the President's Breakfast; a sporting event. Any events for students only is not considered a public event and the rules/procedure contained in Board Policy 2.90 apply.

7. Create a health fast pass (see HSEPC recommendations below), so students don't need to be screened and check in at every service they attend and to alleviate the burden of staff having to constantly check both vaccination and reference symptoms and manage conflicts around this. We are no longer conducting screenings at checkpoints or anywhere else on campus. All faculty, staff and students are subject to the District's self-assessment requirement.

8. There is a concern that students will show up positive and asymptomatic due to fear of missing class etc and that we can't screen or remind students not to come if they have tested positive in the last 5 days or whatever they want to say. . It seems obvious but they need to know students should be reminded not to come with covid. There is no messaging around this except a small line on the website.

We have worked to streamline the District's messaging regarding Covid and vaccinations with easy to read and understandable infographics that will be disseminated widely.

9. Overall better messaging to students and campus-wide coordinated approaches (can the symptom flyer on the website be printed and handed out to the Divisions instead of everyone doing their own thing)? Can there be a marketing campaign to back this up?

[Click here for the symptom flyer for posting and printing.](#) This has been emailed to every student at Skyline College. I will inquire with President's Cabinet as to our coordinated approach for posting and report back.

10. Create consistency in how we are implementing health and safety measures across campus (students will go to different services and places and experience different things).

We are working hard to provide consistent communication across campus so that we have consistent behavior across instruction and services. Hopefully as we continue to post public briefings, disseminate infographics, and answer questions like these, employees gain a greater understanding of our expectations with how we handle a variety of situations related to Covid.