



Office of the President

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Dear Colleagues,

At last night's meeting, the Board of Trustees continued a thoughtful and robust conversation regarding vaccinations at Cerritos College. Their top priority continues to be the health and safety of our students and employees, as well as the ability to operate our campus in the safest manner possible during this pandemic. I am not alone when I say that I sincerely appreciate their commitment to this priority, as well as their commitment to receiving input from all campus and community constituents.

The trustees received information regarding community college procedures at the state and local level. Of the 18 CCDs in Los Angeles, Orange, and Riverside counties, 11 districts are implementing a mandatory vaccination policy. Three districts (Chaffey, El Camino, and San Bernardino) require indoor masking only. Two districts (Cerritos and Long Beach) require proof of vaccination or regular testing, and one district (Citrus) is pending Board action.

We are fortunate to have the expertise of both a medical doctor and a registered nurse on our Board, who are very familiar with the impact this pandemic has on our local healthcare infrastructure as well as the members of our community. After much discussion, the Board of Trustees requested proposed amendments to our [Board Policy 2905](#) so that they can discuss and consider a mandatory vaccination policy.

The campus leadership group (which includes representatives from all constituent groups) will meet this afternoon to discuss the Board's request. While no decision has been made, Board members clearly stated that they understand that requiring vaccinations would take time to implement, particularly for students. As part of our discussions, we will develop a potential timeline for consideration at the September 15 Board meeting.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message and for staying engaged throughout this process. Please let me know if you have questions.

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