

Cerritos College Return to Campus Update Forum
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Will we have to go back to campus on the fall?	Ulises Chavez	Yes, we will be coming back August 2.
From when we would be able to enroll for on campus class for fall 2021?	Poojan Shah	The Fall 2021 schedule will be posted online by Monday, May 31. Students will receive a message regarding when they can enroll through myCerritos just before that date.
Do those vaccinations numbers reflect the overall population or adults only?	Traci Ukita	https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccination-progress-data/
This Fall 2021 50% at campus for PEX and ESL classroom mask required?	Sarom Chea	I believe Facilities and Safety addressed this as a recommendation. I will paraphrase; masks are required and will need to be changed when they become wet as to not lose their efficacy.
Can you please address how hybrid courses will be presented to students in the schedule? For example, if a class is listed as MW 9:30-11am, but half of the students will come on Monday only, how will this be communicated to students ahead of time so that they can plan their schedules ahead of time (ie., how will they be notified that they do not come on Wednesday).	Kimberley Duff	Answered Live Messaging to students and the campus community on how to read the schedule will be sent next week. The messaging was developed in conjunction with student representatives.
This Fall 2021 semester back to campus mask required take few class: Adult Education (AED) and Physical Education (PEX)?...Or (Adult Education (AED) remote)	Sarom Chea	Masks will be required indoors for everyone. We will follow the county guidelines for masks in outdoor settings. Physical Education courses are not exempt and must wear a mask. If masks become wet, they must be replaced for the individual's safety and others.
Will there be remote options for classes?	Jennifer Romero	Answered Live
Even if we are fully vaccinated, do we still have to wear mask on campus or will the campus follow the CDC guidelines?	Brandon Sanguily	Mask will be mandatory while indoors. Outside mask will be used according to CDC guidelines. Any changes to this will be addressed after June 15.
ASL for Spring 2022 back to super normal at Cerritos College Campus.	Sarom Chea	Are you asking if spring 2022 will see ASL courses back on campus in a face-to-face mode? If that is your question, we are hopeful that by spring 2022 course offerings will be back to normal.

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When student or staff for example are outside are masks going to be required? It will still be hot from the summer and if there is a virus that's as dangerous as everyone makes it supposedly seem like it sounds like it would make more sense to breathe fresh air rather than breathing oxidized air in high temperatures.	Oscar Silva	Outside face coverings will be used according to CDC guidelines. Any changes to this will be addressed after June 15.
To be clear, are the Task Force Committees and the faculty members on it going to be meeting during the summer before 18 JUL and compensated for attendance? It would be beneficial for the sake of feedback to have the Task Force Committees meet throughout the summer and the fall, as we go into the implementation phase.	Walter Fernández	Yes, task force members will meet during the summer and will be compensated for their time.
Other colleges are requiring students to be vaccinated. Will Cerritos require students to be vaccinated? What percentage of the individuals vaccinated from the area are from the ages of 18-35?	Santos Rojas	At this time, we are not requiring mandatory student vaccinations. https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccination-progress-data/
Are Instructors teaching hybrid classes would be compensated as you had mentioned in Forum 1?	Maria Ugalde	The first forum did state that the district understands and looking into additional compensation.
What are the wristbands? Every time the students meet in class, do they have to display a wristband? Are the wristband colors changed on a daily basis?	Erin Cole	Daily wristbands are provided at kiosk check-in stations; more will be provided live in this session. Yes, the students will have to show their wristband.
Even if students are fully vaccinated, do we still have to wear the masks on campus or will Cerritos follow the CDC guidelines?	Brandon Sanguily	Indoors face coverings will be required. However, outside face coverings will be used according to CDC guidelines. Any changes to this will be addressed after June 15.
Can faculty request they be allowed to use personal microphones that fit under their masks?	Chace Tydell	Deans have been asked to work with their faculty to identify classroom technology needs, including microphones.
When can we expect the fall classes to be posted?	Brandon Sanguily	The Fall 2021 schedule of classes will be posted by Monday, May 31.

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If facemasks are going to be required, ASL classes can't be hybrid or in person. They need to be online and remote.	Maria Ugalde	Face masks that have a clear/transparent window will be provided for faculty. CCFF recommends that ASL faculty file an accommodation. CCFF can go with them to accommodation meetings.
To go back to campus, us as a student we have to take the vaccine?	Maria Molina	Answered Live As of right now vaccines are not mandatory to go back to campus; however, face coverings will be required while meeting indoors.
What can you tell us, VP López, about the number of air changes per hour in our classroom? We read that 6 air changes are recommended. Has Envisé checked for this? How many times will our air be changed in our rooms? Thank you.	Walter Fernández	The HVAC assessment reviewed the current health of our HVAC systems, made recommendations how to improve our systems, and evaluated if our systems could handle MERV 13 filters. The report did not look at air exchange rates. We have begun addressing the recommendations and this work will be completed by the end of the summer. We will continue to work with Envisé to determine if any other improvements are needed that help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Once all repairs and all necessary improvements are made - we can begin reviewing air rates.
Have facilities received information about the air exchange rates in our buildings? Can that be shared with the campus stakeholders?	Stephanie Rosenblatt	The HVAC assessment reviewed the current health of our HVAC systems, made recommendations how to improve our systems, and evaluated if our systems could handle MERV 13 filters. The report did not look at air exchange rates. We have begun addressing the recommendations and this work will be completed by the end of the summer. We will continue to work with Envisé to determine if any other improvements are needed that help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
Will the taskforce members who volunteered for spring 2021 also be compensated?	Henrietta Hurtado	You will be compensated as long as you are not inside of your contractual working days.
Will we be able to see all improvements to the HVAC system online, just like the report? Will that include dates of maintenance including changes of filters?	Ilva Mariani	Answered Live This is a great recommendation. I can bring this up at our next meeting. Thank you Ilva! The HVAC assessment has been posted in BoardDocs for everyone's review. The Vice President of Business Services Office will communicate to the campus on the progress of all the repairs and improvements noted in the assessment.

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How often will the air be recirculated per hour?	Erin Cole	The HVAC assessment reviewed the current health of our HVAC systems, made recommendations how to improve our systems, and evaluated if our systems could handle MERV 13 filters. The report did not look at air exchange rates at this time. We have begun addressing the recommendations and this work will be completed by the end of the summer. We will continue to work with Enviser to determine if any other improvements are needed that help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We will review air change rates once all service, repairs, and necessary improvements are made.
Will ASL interpreter this fall back to campus some classroom for few deaf students?	Sarom Chea	ASL interpreters will be allowed in classrooms for the fall.
Would you please post in the chat the email for accommodations?	Maria Ugalde	accommodationrequests@cerritos.edu
Does that apply to participation on a day we were scheduled to be off?	Henrietta Hurtado	For individual cases please contact HR please.
Will we be notified if any of our students tests positive for Covid-19?	Ilva Mariani	We do not provide private, protected health information. Only persons identified as a close contact will be informed of a possible exposure, and any needs for quarantine.
Will the student wrist band color change daily?	Susan LePere	The wristband colors will change daily.
Will we simply be told that "one of our students" tested positive, keeping any private information protected? Since each of us will have 60+ students, that would not be identifiable.	Ilva Mariani	Yes, we cannot provide private identifying information.
If I understand correctly, we WILL be made aware that "one of our students" has tested positive for Covid-19.	Ilva Mariani	We encourage the student to communicate with their faculty make arrangements if they are not able to physically come to class. Felipe Lopez will continue to communicate with the campus to inform us about positive cases.
How will faculty be made aware of the student wristband color on any particular day?	Julie Davis	The faculty will be notified once a decision will be made.

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Will the student representatives also be compensated?	Jeremy Ramos	Yes, we will compensate students.
Will someone be monitoring the temperature kiosks to make sure people are ensuring social distancing while they are waiting to get their temperature checked?	Erin Cole	We will have kiosk attendants.
Will non-students or members of the community be allowed on campus and into service areas like the library? If yes, will they be screened.	Monica Lopez	Yes and yes
Can you clarify whether temp check is still required for fall?	Lynn Wang	Answered Live
What is the protocol should one of our students (in a face-to-face class) test positive? Do we cancel the class? Will the entire class be notified? Will contact tracing be done?	Brooke Hanniff	Answered Live
Face masks that have a clear/transparent window will be interferes with the ASL instructions. It was already presented to Rick Miranda. Face touching and face features/expressions are a must in ASL classes. They do not work.	Maria Ugalde	I appreciated the meeting with the ASL faculty where they demonstrated the challenges with masks. We had agreed that we would come back together to discuss further. Looking forward to continuing finding potential solutions.
How will faculty who work outside normal business office hours “touch base” with their managers and get wristbands?	Stephanie Rosenblatt	We are still working on the final protocol. We may mail the wristband to the employee’s home address.
Will companions be allowed in counseling sessions for in person appointments? Students often show up with parents, friends, children, interpreters, or assistance pets.	Henrietta Hurtado	Unfortunately, due to capacity limitations, we will not have the space to allow guests to attend in-person meetings with students (unless it is related to an accommodation). However, students can still participate in virtual meetings with guests.
So that last slide was unclear, this task force recommends that the students should not have to get temp checks every time they come to campus?	Erin Cole	This is correct, temperature checks will not be required, students will be given the option to take it themselves.

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What's a badge?	Anthony Garcia	The Student "Digital Badge" is what shows up on your cellphone after you answer your prescreen questions. Communications will be sent regarding how to access the prescreen program, called "Optimum HQ", provided by "AT HOME".
Can we bring our vaccine card to show proof of vaccination?	Brandon Sanguily	It is not necessary to bring to campus. You can; but either way, if I am understanding the question correctly, face coverings must be worn indoors, whether or not the person is vaccinated. Outdoors will be based on CDC guidelines.
Is the college going to instruct waitlist students not come to class?	Walter Fernández	Yes.
So, employees will be required have temp checks every time they come to campus, but students will not be required to have temp checks every time they come to campus? This is still unclear based on the slide from the Health Task Force.	Erin Cole	Neither students nor employees are required to take supervised temperatures.
I have a question does this means that all of the students must return back to campus or can we make a choice?	Charlie Gomez	All of the students have an option on how they would like to receive instructions: Online, Hybrid, or In Person. Remote is also an option.
Please provide a link to review later as I got pulled away for a conference call.	Angela Fraser	The recording and Q&A will be posted here by Monday: https://www.cerritos.edu/covid-19/fall-return-to-campus.htm
Will registration end at Midnight the Friday before the start of the fall semester? I ask this, as this has not been the case in the last several years. For those of us who have early morning classes on Monday, a changing roster will be problematic.	Julie Davis	We will research your question and provide an answer as to the days and times for registration. Question unanswered. Answer in progress.
I do not feel that the college understand the unique situation with ASL Classes. My ASL dept already gave our presentation on why the mask will not work. It fell on deaf ears.	Ed Kelly	We met and agreed to come back together. I look forward to our continued discussions. As we stated, no decision has been made.

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Okay. So, we (employees and students) would complete home surveys prior to coming to campus and if we are considered healthy, we would get our wristbands from the necessary person on campus?	Erin Cole	Yes, employees are to confirm with their managers/assigned manager on duty. Students will be given wristbands at the kiosk stations upon checking the digital prescreening badge.
What if either a student or employee self-check their temperature and it comes up over the threshold, but they still continue to class or their office? We hope that employees also make the correct decision and be truthful. Thank you	Luz E Ocampo	<p>We are entrusting students to make the correct decisions and not the risk the health and safety of others.</p> <p>We also recommend that the student asks the kiosk attendant for assistance to ensure a correct reading, as sometimes the kiosks may need to be reset or the individual is "hot" from rushing around and will be asked to wait for 5 minutes to recheck.</p>
So, June 15 is the announcement, July 18 is final changes, and August 2nd is return to campus?	Valerie Reynoso	Correct
With the possibility of needing booster vaccine shots in the fall, as well as the possibility of a future surge, is there a plan for the this and how that will affect the on-campus courses and service?	Michelle Rodriguez	In case of surges, we will follow the strictest guidelines set by LA County Department of Public Health.
Will Department chairs be compensated for additional work done due to the return to campus plan this summer?	Jason Hultman	District and CCFF are currently negotiating a MOU regarding COVID-19 impacts and effects
Does this mean that all of the students must return back to campus or can we make a choice for fall semester ?	Charlie Gomez	There will be in person, hybrid, and online courses in the fall. You are allowed to make a choice to do Online, Remote, Hybrid, or In-Person, it is up you.
Where and how can I view this recorded meeting?	Mark Rodriguez	The recording and Q&A will be posted here by Monday: https://www.cerritos.edu/covid-19/fall-return-to-campus.htm
Can co-workers that have been fully vaccinated be allowed to work closely with mask but without social distancing?	Roger Adams	Everyone must adhere to the social distancing protocols.

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Do the committee members deciding the student vaccination issue scientifically qualified?	Chace Tydell	Answered Live The committee members have taken into account the science involved in making these decisions. And there has been multiple members in the taskforces who have been involved in the medical field.
When will the fall 2021 session officially begin and is there a chance that we may attend school in a normal 100% fashion?	Amed Soto	Fall 2021 will officially begin August 16, and that is to be determined. In Fall 2021 that would not be possible
Will there be a graduation for the class of 2022?	Brandon Sanguily	We hope it is. if things continue to evolve well, likely we will. however, it is too early for us to tell.
What does student temperature self-check mean? Is this based on the honor system?	Anthony Gonzalez	Yes, there will be kiosks that look like iPads that you step up to and it takes your temp. It is on the honor system with temperatures < 100.4 as an acceptable temperature to proceed to class.
Will math classes be conducted in an in person learning format? If not, will there be virtual tutoring?	Debbi Cordano	There will be a variety of which includes hybrid. There will be online tutoring.
I am wondering when the walk-through for the Transfer Center will be. Also, if it is determined that a counselor can see a student safely in their office, can a plexiglass partition be provided between the counselor and the student?	Ken Matsuura	The walk-through is on June 24th. Dr. Prado is in the process of identifying the representatives who will attend. Regarding offices - majority of the offices have can only support one person. Therefore, no plexiglass will be installed.
I'm wondering why no deaf people were involved with decision making at the college. For faculty and students?	Ed Kelly	Faculty Senate and CCFF appointed their representatives
It says on the Cerritos website under Important dates that the Fall 2021 doesn't start till August 16, does this mean it changed to August 2nd?	Brandon Sanguily	Answered Live Fall 2021 will officially begin August 16. Staff are returning on August 2 to prepare for the upcoming semester.

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Why will the Fall 2021 session begin August 2? You mean, the safe return to campus on a 50% capacity projection or will that be the fall start time from now on?	Henrietta Hurtado	Answered Live August 2 reflects the date campus employees will return to campus.
Students will have a different color wrist band daily. How will faculty be made aware of the color of the day for students?	Julie Davis	We will be notified—we are still making that decision in terms of logistics.
Will Department chairs be compensated for additional work done due to the return to campus plan this summer?	Jason Hultman	District and CCFF are currently negotiating a MOU regarding COVID-19 impacts and effects
Is in-person class optional ?	Sarah Cerda	Yes, in-person is optional.
How will the college support the mental health of faculty, staff, and students? Secondly, how will the college address the anxiety about returning to campus when people don't want to? Thank you, Hillary for answering my question about the support available for students' mental health. I don't think the rest of my question was answered though. What is the college planning on doing to support the mental health of faculty and staff? How will the college address the anxiety about returning to campus?	Niki Lovejoy-Robold	Answered Live The college already has mental health services available for faculty and students. However, students can choose whether feel comfortable returning or not. Hi Nikki: I can oversee students; I recommend reaching out to HR. I hope that helps. EAP services are available for staff.
International students can we continue taking classes online during the Fall or could they force us to return in person to comply with the original regulations?	Arantza Bejarano	You can choose to continue taking classes online. Nobody will be forced to return to campus
Where can we get the wristbands?	Jesus Cilia	Wristband kiosk maps will be provided once we have determined where they will be located. This will be provided to all.
What will we do if room temps go to high , due to air exchange?	Laura Milne	The potential high temp will likely be due to 100% pull of outside air. We will be monitoring temperature daily, but facilities can be contacted.

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Good afternoon, for an in-person class with a 50% enrollment cap, how many students will be required for the class to remain in person if it does not fill? When will faculty be notified if the class will be changed from in person to hybrid if it does not fill?	Veronica Sanchez	Dr Fierro talked about this earlier. If the class started as in-person, it will finish as in-person class.
So, there is no way fall 2021 will be 100% on campus , correct?	Amed Soto	Correct. we will maintain the 50% capacity
Why is our decision about student vaccines not the same at the CSUs?	Chace Tydell	Answered Live
What is the capacity for parking lot?	Jesus Cilia	There is no capacity limit for parking lots. Since we will be operating at 50% - parking will not have limits
So, I am pre nursing student, and we have a laboratory class. Does this mean that all of the students are required to go in campus and have our laboratory class there? Or does the school offer an option for students to go online instead of campus?	Hannah Mangubat	Answered Live
Can there be a single-color wristband for employees and students who are verified as fully vaccinated, so they do not have to check in and get temp checked every day as they have been fully vaccinated?	Teresa Aeryn	At this point, special wristbands for fully vaccinated students have not been considered because they are not required to be temp checked every day. Unfortunately, even fully vaccinated people can catch COVID 19. As of right now, everyone must be checked in the same, but this might change depending on June 15 th .
Enrollment management question: What are guidelines for enrollment minimums in classes and is there a date when faculty (and students) will be notified that the class has to revert to all online or will be cancelled?	Kimberley Duff	Answered Live
Will faculty, staff, or students have to purchase parking permits for fall 2021?	Henrietta Hurtado	No parking permits are needed for the fall semester.

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As of the last information received, why are issues about the air we breathe (HVAC) not included in the MOU, when it is literally something that affects each and every faculty member?	Ilva Mariani	We will not address questions as it pertains to negotiations and the MOU. However, we concluded a HVAC assessment reviewed the current health of our HVAC systems, made recommendations how to improve our systems, and evaluated if our systems could handle MERV 13 filters. As you know, all buildings (except for 2) now have MERV 13 filters. We have begun addressing the recommendations and this work will be completed by the end of the summer. We will continue to work with Enviser to determine if any other improvements are needed that help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
Was the question from Dr. Sanchez about fill rate for in-person sections addressed? Will those sections have to reach 60% (of the 50% of regular cap) in order to “make?”	Traci Ukita	Answered Live
Will students be able to park in staff parking stalls?	Jan Senf	Answered Live
Hello, not sure if this has been addressed. Will on-ground class capacity seating include space (a seat or seats) for a SAS student who has a 2nd or 3rd SAS support person in the class? For example, I have had a student who has 2 support staff in-class so I would like to ensure SAS student needs are met.	Jerry Ramos	Answered Live Classroom Capacity: http://go.boarddocs.com/ca/cerritos/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C2KVDZ804832
If one of our students tests positive (and was previously in an on-ground class), would we be considered a close contact, and thus be told the identifying information of the positive student.	Anthony Gonzalez	Answered Live The student will not be personally identified; however, you will be informed of a possible close contact.
If we do online class, can we visit the college if we need to speak to a counselor and don't want a zoom appointment?	Sarah Cerda	Absolutely, Sarah. We will share hours of operation and how to access services as we get closer to August.

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Are there any special provisions for continuing a class if a faculty member becomes sick with covid 19 while teaching a face-to-face class or hybrid class? What will be the plan if a substitute instructor cannot be found?	Carlos Mera	Answered Live
Will students/employees who tested positive be systemically denied wrist bands (without releasing identifying information to others)?	Anthony Gonzalez	If somebody tested positive outside of campus, they will not be allowed to be on campus.
Can parking passes be used even if they are not paid so that individuals park in their designated areas. We all know that without something in place, the honor system will not work.	Rachel Mason	We can review this but at 50% capacity – plenty of parking will be available.
Where can we find this zoom recorded video at?	Sarah Cerda	It will be posted on the COVID 19 Website. The materials will be posted here by Monday: https://www.cerritos.edu/covid-19/fall-return-to-campus.htm
Sorry, I missed the answer on students being able to park in staff parking stalls.	Luz E Ocampo	There will be no permits required though we are supposed to park in our appropriate lot. Students must park in their designated parking lots.
Will there be another Return-to-Work Forum before our Aug. 2nd return to work date, or we will receive email updates to the current plan?	Zolita Fisher	Answered Live
Lab questions. Our Modern Language department has managed the lab hours online perfectly. Are students required to complete the 15-18 hours in person? I believe they can still do it online using the publishers' platforms.	Maria Ugalde	Answered Live
Once the schedule is posted on May 31st, it won't change regardless of any further guideline recommendations suggested by July 18th. If the class was listed as hybrid on the schedule, it wouldn't be changed to 100% in person.	Ryan Babiar	This is correct.

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Can't faculty simply receive something to place on the windshield to park in staff spaces?	Michelle Stieber	Parking permits are no required through December 31, 2021.
We heard there were fake students enrolling in some summer classes. Part of a scam. Students with all capital letters and numbers on their web address contacts and no phone. What is our campus doing about this and to prevent such actions from happening?	Walter Fernández	Enrollment Services is working on addressing the issue both at the time of application and by placing a hold on disbursements. Please continue to follow your no-show policy.
Can students park in the staff parking?	Santos Rojas	Answered Live
Why will the normal parking requirements not be followed?	Stephanie Heddon	No. Students must park in their designated parking lots. To prevent people gathering from purchasing daily parking permits. And that area would have to be clean constantly.
Will students still be able to get a Student ID Card that is needed for library and other check out systems?	Alicia Edquist	Yes, students have continued to receive ID cards throughout the pandemic.
Will there be financial aid work study opportunities for students fall and spring 21-22?	Henrietta Hurtado	Yes.
Will that include EOPS Summer Bridge students Dr. Perez as far as Federal Work Study? and will the FWS jobs be both remote and in person?	Henrietta Hurtado	You would need to discuss with your manager to determine. Depends on the department and the need.
How can we get a copy of this Q & A thread? I didn't see them with the last forum. Maybe there was a PDF that I missed?	Traci Ukita	Information will be posted by Monday: https://www.cerritos.edu/covid-19/fall-return-to-campus.htm .