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Dear Colleagues,

I hope you had a chance to watch yesterday's [update from Governor Gavin Newsom](#), where he outlined the six critical indicators that the State will consider before modifying the Stay-at-Home order.

The state guidelines will serve as the foundation of our plan to eventually re-open the physical Cerritos College campus. Of course, we do not yet know when we will re-open, nor do we know exactly how that might look, but Cerritos College will be prepared when the time comes. I will outline the indicators below but I encourage you to also [read the Governor's press release for more in-depth information](#).

The Governor indicated there is not a precise timeline for modifying the stay-at-home order, but that the following six indicators will serve as the framework for making that decision:

- The ability to monitor and protect our communities through testing, contact tracing, isolating, and supporting those who are positive or exposed;
- The ability to prevent infection in people who are at risk for more severe COVID-19;
- The ability of the hospital and health systems to handle surges;
- The ability to develop therapeutics to meet the demand;
- **The ability for businesses, schools, and child care facilities to support physical distancing;** and
- The ability to determine when to reinstitute certain measures, such as the stay-at-home orders, if necessary.

Until we build immunity, the state's actions will be aligned to achieve the following:

- Ensure our ability to care for the sick within our hospitals;
- Prevent infection in people who are at high risk for severe disease;
- Build the capacity to protect the health and well-being of the public; and
- Reduce social, emotional and economic disruptions.

In his statement, Governor Newsom acknowledged that returning to normal life will feel "everything but normal" at first. Through careful planning, we will start to see changes big and small in our everyday lives, such as changing the physical layout of schools and businesses to maintain social distancing and keep us safe.

The Governor has also asked us to think of ending the stay-at-home order not as a light switch that simply turns on and off, but more like a dimmer, where we continue to adjust our behaviors based on public health conditions. This will continue to be a group effort, and each of us will need to do our part.

I continue to meet twice a week with representatives from all constituent groups, and I want to assure you that we are working together so that our Cerritos College family is well prepared for the re-opening of the physical campus. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
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