

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT/SUPERINTENDENT
PRESIDENT'S CAMPUS UPDATES



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Good Morning Colleagues,

I trust the beginning of your weekend is going well and you have planned some safe and enjoyable activities. I wanted to provide you with a quick update regarding yesterday's Governor's press conference. During the press conference, the Governor announced guidelines for school reopening. I want to clarify that the guidelines outlined by the Governor only impact K-12, not colleges and universities. At the moment we are monitoring the LA County Public Health Department for new guidelines for colleges and universities.

As many of you are aware, we at Cerritos College are planning to offer a limited number of labs on campus during the fall semester. The programs we plan to offer on campus are considered essential. Graduates of these programs work as essential or critical infrastructure workers in areas such as health care, public health, emergency services, and foodservice, among others. Consequently, we will move forward with our fall semester plans unless the involved faculty, staff, or administrators do not feel safe doing so, or we receive different instructions by the Public Health Department.

I want to thank all the faculty, staff, and administrators who are working on the development of a safe campus reopening plan. We are hoping to make the document available to the campus community during the first week of August so you can provide us with feedback. Please know this document is meant to be a living document rather than a final document. Rest assured that we continue to heed the advice of everyone offering courses during the fall semester on campus to develop our guidelines.

The district is doing everything possible to provide our faculty, staff, and administrators with the needed PPE and safety protocols to keep everyone safe. However, it is important to remember that we also need to do our part to stay safe. Please remember to wear a mask, keep physical distancing, and wash your hands. We look at the local data daily, and we are not in a rush to get everyone on campus without a safe and sound plan.

Thank you for all you do during these difficult times. I know it is hard for everyone, and I know staying home for so long without being able to visit your loved ones regularly adds to the stresses we are enduring. Please find time to take a break for yourself; we all need a break in order to continue to move forward. All the best to you and your family.

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