

NORTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

TO:	BOARD OF TRUSTEES	Action	<u> X </u>
DATE:	March 22, 2022	Resolution	<u> </u>
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SUBJECT:	Extend the Vaccine Requirement Through the Remainder of 2022	Enclosure(s)	<u> X </u>

BACKGROUND: The North Orange County Community College District is committed to protecting the health and wellbeing of students, faculty, staff, administrators, and the communities it serves. Over the course of the pandemic, the District has implemented a variety of safety protocols following guidelines from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Cal OSHA, and other agencies including physical distancing, use of face coverings, and frequent cleaning.

At the August 24, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting, the Board directed the District to ensure that all employees and students over the age of five who enter district facilities or come on campus were fully vaccinated with allowance for religious or medical exemptions as defined by law. It was subsequently decided that employees and students who could not receive the vaccine due to disabilities/medical conditions or religious beliefs would participate in regular on-site testing.

“Full vaccination” status is defined by the CDC as two weeks after receiving the full course of an FDA or WHO-approved vaccine (i.e., the second vaccine dose for the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines or the first dose for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine).

On August 24, 2021 the Board delegated authority to the Chancellor to take any and all actions necessary to develop and implement a COVID-19 vaccine requirement including processes for testing, record keeping, use of campus facilities, accommodations, and other related items.

The existing Board of Trustees vaccine mandate will expire at the end of the spring 2022 term. The District would like the Board to discuss either extending and/or revising the NOCCCD COVID-19 vaccine requirements. Based on feedback given to Chancellor’s Staff from the campus CEO’s and the District Student Vaccine Workgroup, it is recommended that the Board consider allowing students who have not been vaccinated to undergo free weekly on-site testing in order to attend in-person classes or services.

How does this relate to the five District Strategic Directions? This item responds to District Strategic Direction 3) Stewardship of Resources – NOCCCD will promote a shared vision of responsible stewardship of District resources through transparent and inclusive decision-making and integrated planning.

How does this relate to Board Policy: This item is in accordance with Board Policy 2200, Board Duties and Responsibilities.

FUNDING SOURCE AND FINANCIAL IMPACT: Costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic have been covered with Federal and State Emergency Funds and General Funds.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board direct the District to ensure that all employees and students over the age of five who enter District facilities or come on campus be fully vaccinated or submit for weekly on-site testing (if not vaccinated) through the remainder of calendar year 2022. With this change, students will no longer have to prove vaccination status in order to register for classes. Employees and students who have been previously approved for religious or medical exemptions as defined by law will still be able to test weekly on site.

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