

Vaccine Mandate Workgroups

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Dear Colleagues – Last week was major in terms of launching the NOCCCD vaccine mandate as directed by the Board of Trustees. First off, I want to thank everyone involved with our efforts so far, especially Geoff Hurst, District Director, Enterprise IT Applications Support and Development; Allan Abutin, IT Project Leader; Julie Kossick, Associate Vice Chancellor of Human Resources; as well as their teams, for developing the vaccine verification, exemption protocols, and dynamic forms so quickly. These forms are now on myGateway and seem to be working great. Please have patience with our responses to your approvals—these may take some time to process correctly, but you will have notification prior to November 1.

The District has also formed three workgroups to address the logistics and implementation of our vaccine, exemption, and testing programs. While these workgroups are still being developed, I would like to thank three leaders who have stepped up to oversee this important work:

- **Student Oversight Workgroup**: Elaine Lipiz Gonzalez, Interim Vice President of Student Services, Fullerton College. This group will be looking at the mandate from a student and faculty perspective (testing, exemptions, implementation, customer service, communication, etc.). It will have representation across constituency groups, including faculty and students.
- **Employee Oversight Workgroup**: Julie Kossick, Associate Vice Chancellor, Human Resources. This group will focus on implementation from the employee perspective (logistics for testing, exemptions, union interaction, monitoring and communication of enforcement issues, etc.).
- **IT Oversight Workgroup**: Geoff Hurst, District Director, Enterprise IT Applications Support and Development. This group will be working with the database information (outside contractors, pulling information for vaccine verification, testing, and reporting, etc.).

As questions, concerns, and suggestions start to come in, coordination across departments and campuses will undoubtedly be needed. These workgroups will be in charge of sorting and responding to issues, as well as garnering feedback. I'm sure they will be reaching out for support and direction to many of you in the coming weeks. Please assist these workgroups with whatever they need to ensure that we all fulfill our mandate obligations with speed and diligence. To assist these efforts, we have created a central email address where you can send your inquiries and recommendations: covidmandate@nocccd.edu. Making sure all of our students and staff are safe as they can be is a massive responsibility, and it will take all of us cooperating with one another to see it through.

As always, you can email or call me at any time.

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