

May 4 COVID-19 Update

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Dear Colleagues,

Over the past few weeks, many discussions have taken place about possible plans for summer and fall. We continue to monitor State and County guidelines and orders to inform planning about instruction, student services, and remote work.

Based on the Governor's most recent update and the criteria for modifying the stay at home orders, distance education and temporary remote instruction and services to students will need to remain in place for the summer and fall semesters. There may be some courses where a limited student presence will be required on campus, but these exceptions will be considered only with approval of the campus CEO, Vice Chancellor, or Chancellor.

As the Governor announced today, the State will begin a slow implementation of moving to Stage 2, allowing limited re-opening of lower risk businesses and public spaces. We will continue to have employees performing essential duties on site by using staggered scheduling, social distancing, and use of personal protective equipment. As State and regional orders are announced, our plans for accommodating additional employees to return to campus will be implemented. Much will depend on the availability of personal protective equipment (PPE), cleaning supplies, and COVID-19 testing and treatment. Maintaining social distancing is key and will likely continue through March of 2021, so we will develop plans that support remote work, while being prepared to modify and adapt our actions as the situation evolves.

Governor's Criteria for Reopening the State

The Governor revealed the "roadmap" for re-opening the State that includes four stages:

- Stage 1 – Safety and Preparedness – This is our current status and requires making essential workforce environments as safe as possible.
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- Stage 2 – Lower Risk Workplaces – Lower risk sectors will adapt and re-open. Moving to Stage 2 will require stabilization of hospital and ICU trends with the ability to meet demand, sufficient PPE and testing supplies, and contact tracing capacity.
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- Stage 3 – Higher Risk Workplaces – Higher risk sectors such as salons, gyms, in person religious services, and sports will adapt and re-open. There would be limits on the size of gatherings; for example, sporting events would not have live audiences.
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- Stage 4 – End of Stay-At Home Order – Ending the order would require six indicators:
 - Ability to test, contact trace, isolate, and support the exposed
 - Ability to protect those at high risk for COVID-19
 - Surge capacity for hospital and health systems
 - Therapeutic development to meet the demand
 - Ability of businesses, schools, and childcare facilities to support physical distancing
 - Determination of when to reinstate measures like Stay-At-Home

The full presentation can be seen at: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/California-Roadmap-to-Modify-the-Stay-at-Home-Order.pdf>

Today's update can be seen at: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/05/04/governor-newsom-provides-update-on-californias-progress-toward-stage-2-reopening/>

NOCCCD Implications and Next Steps

As I noted above, we will continue to develop plans that can be modified as the situation changes. We are currently checking on the availability of PPE and cleaning supplies and are purchasing or preparing social distancing markers and protective shields. We continue to analyze how classrooms and work spaces can be modified and scheduled to maintain social distancing. Revised or new MOUs with each bargaining unit are being discussed and developed. The impact to the State and local budgets will become clearer in the next few weeks and we are identifying ways to apply CARES, FEMA, and District onetime funds to support necessary expenditures, including student support. Additional professional development opportunities are being planned and prepared. These are a few of the actions being taken to navigate the crisis and prepare for next steps.

I hope you are continuing to adjust to the crisis and wish you health and peace.

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