

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**Resolution No. 10
COVID-19 Mitigation**

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Santa Barbara Community College District (District) Board of Trustees unanimously passed and adopted a Resolution declaring emergency conditions due to the novel coronavirus, SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, most community colleges have provided instruction and services primarily through distance education, hybrid, and remote operations from March 2020 until spring 2022, which has enabled the continuation of public education for many students, and nationally has resulted in the displacement and exclusion of many students who would have otherwise attended the community colleges; and

WHEREAS, the District is committed to equitable access and success for all students, responding to the unique needs of local communities and student populations, and teaching and learning as its highest priorities; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2021, the District Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 1 – COVID-19 Immunization, requiring vaccinations on or before October 1, 2021 for in-person students and employees and requiring masking in compliance with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC); and

WHEREAS, in spring 2022 and fall 2022, the District faculty, staff, and leadership made a concerted effort to offer in-person and hybrid instruction and services, as well as distance education and remote services; and

WHEREAS, the National COVID-19 Preparedness Plan and State of California's SMARTER Plan have transitioned federal and state COVID-19 public health strategies to enable public education institutions to fully resume in-person instruction and student services with targeted COVID-19 interventions based on local community data; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), California Department of Public Health (CDPH), California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal-OSHA), and Santa Barbara County Public Health Department Health (SBCPHD) have removed face covering requirements in many indoor public settings, including most public education activities; and

WHEREAS, regional supplies of COVID-19 tests, vaccines, and treatments have been expanded to provide all communities served by the Santa Barbara Community College District with access to resources to respond to current and emerging COVID-19 variants; and

WHEREAS, the District recognizes the urgency in expanding in-person instruction and services with open access to all students to mitigate any further learning loss and disengagement among communities most in need of the public education and support resources offered by the District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District, that consistent with the recommendations by the federal government, CDC, State of California, CDPH, Cal-OSHA, and SBCPHD, the Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent/President or their designee(s) to take actions necessary to develop and implement the following COVID-19 management strategies effective October 21, 2022:

1. Effective October 21, 2022, remove the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for students taking spring 2023 in-person classes, except where required by state or federal law, public health agencies, or appropriate governing organizations for specific programs or activities;
2. Effective October 21, 2022, continue to enforce the current COVID-19 vaccine requirement for students enrolled in fall 2022 in-person classes and in all employee work spaces (e.g. library, student affairs, learning resource center);
3. Effective January 1, 2023, remove the COVID-19 vaccine requirement for all employees of the District as a condition of working in person and participating in in-person activities at all District teaching or working locations;
4. Continue to revise the District's Draft COVID-19 Mitigation Plan in accordance with CDC, CDHP, and SBCPHD and current Cal-OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards and other applicable regulatory requirements, including procedures for contact tracing, testing, quarantine, use of face coverings, and other workplace health and safety measures;
5. Firmly commit and continue to strongly encourage employees and students to remain current with vaccines and boosters based on individual's health and risk assessment, and to wear masks to protect self, family, and community;
6. Maintain current masking protocol using the County tier system (low tier - masks strongly recommended, medium and high tier masks required) identified by the CDC and Draft COVID-19 Mitigation Plan until the end of 2022;
7. From January 1, 2023 through spring 2023 semester (May 20, 2023), the District will maintain the same masking tier system described in Section 6 of this Resolution;
8. The District leadership will monitor and report to the SBCC College Community data as identified in the Draft COVID-19 Mitigation Plan related to the prevalence of COVID-19 in Santa Barbara County and provide periodic updates to the Board of Trustees;
9. Take appropriate measures whenever possible to ensure students and employees maintain access to resources necessary to mitigate the risk of contracting COVID-19, obtain testing, receive vaccinations, and obtain medical treatments;
10. The Board delegates to the Superintendent/President the authority to make appropriate changes based on changing conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

1. Resolution 1, COVID-19 Immunization (2021-22), is rescinded effective October 21, 2022.

2. The Superintendent/President or their designee(s) through constituency consultation processes, shall have the authority to amend the Draft COVID-19 Mitigation Plan as necessary based on the recommendations of appropriate federal, state, and local public health authorities, and the public health and safety conditions within the District and the communities it serves, subject to Board review and confirmation in accordance with District policies.
3. The authority granted under this Resolution shall not abrogate the terms and conditions of any collectively bargained agreement nor shall actions under it violate state collective bargaining statutes, or requirements for accommodation of students or employees.
4. The Board extends its gratitude to the faculty, staff and leadership of the college for their heroic efforts to serve students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The foregoing **RESOLUTION** was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District at a meeting of the Board duly called and held on the 15th day of December 2022, by the following vote, to wit:

Ayes: Trustees Croninger, Abboud, Miller, Everett, Stoddard, Gullap-Moore

Noes: Trustee Gallardo

Absent: None

Concur: Student Trustee Rajaosera



Jonathan Abboud, President
Santa Barbara Community College District Board of Trustees



Kindred Murillo, Ed.D. Interim Superintendent/President
and Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Trustees