SOCCCD Extended Full Return to Campus and Updated Guidelines

SOCCCD Communications <Communications@socccd.edu>
Tue 1/25/2022 2:41 PM
To: SOCCCD Communications <Communications@socccd.edu>

Greetings Faculty and Staff:

In continuing to monitor the COVID-19 transmission rates, a hard date for full return to campus in-person has been **extended through February 21, 2022**.

Please note that some employees may be required to continue to work onsite or return to campus before February 22, if the function of their role cannot be conducted remotely; or if they support on campus labs or studio or activity classes that return to face-to-face scheduling before February 22, including courses where student learning outcomes require in-person meetings; or to provide in-person student and instructional support services, ongoing facilities care and maintenance, campus safety, and some District Services operations.

The purpose of the two week extension is to reduce the number of students and employees on our campuses until the current wave of community spread taxing our health care system has nearly passed, not to indefinitely extend remote status or reduce much needed all in-person learning and services.

Those employees working in positions required for the essential operation of our campuses or District Services, including but not limited to employees in the areas of FMO, IT, PD, HWC—should continue to report to work as they have been since January 4, 2022.

Additionally, as we navigate through the Omicron variant surge and changing guidelines at the federal, state, and local levels—we have made efforts to update our internal guidelines to align with CDC, Cal/OSHA, CDPH, or OCHC. As you've probably heard, the CDC and others reduced their guidelines for isolation/quarantining down to five days; however, out of an abundance of caution, the District has made the decision to continue with the longer timeframe as noted in our guidelines.

Please click on the link to view the updated version of the **Return to Work Guidelines.** In the updated guidelines, please make note of updates to the following:

•**Definitions** (Starting at page 4) including but not limited to definitions about testing, face coverings, and vaccines.
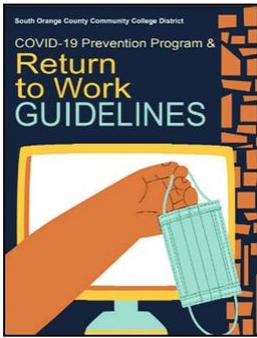
•*Management and Employment Responsibilities* (Starting at page 6) including but not limited to updates about close contact notifications and requirements regarding testing and face coverings when returning to on-site work.

•*Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases and Employees Who Had Close Contact* (Starting on Page 11) including but not limited to protocol for employees who had COVID-19 who were symptomatic or asymptomatic.

•*Return to Work Criteria* (Starting at Page 20) including requirements for vaccinations, testing, and documentation for both.

•Under section 3, several updates have been made to close contact exposure as it relates to returning to work.
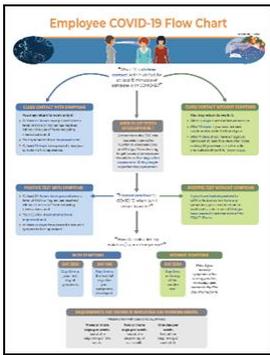
Please also see links below to informational reference guides about what to do if you test positive for COVID-19 or come in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. For other questions or access to resources, please refer to the District COVID-19 Information page.

Continue to communicate directly with your supervisor on work-related matters, including if your assignment requires onsite or remote work through February 21, 2022.