

Message from the Chancellor

South Orange County Community College District



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SOCCCD COVID Update: **Indoor Mask Mandate Extended Indefinitely**

Greetings Employees:

Thank you for your cooperation and support throughout the indoor mask mandate. Last night the Board of Trustees voted to extend the indoor mask mandate indefinitely, until county metrics improve.

More specifically, the Board of Trustees approved an extension of the indoor mask mandate indefinitely and delegated authority to the Chancellor, in consultation with the Board President, to lift the indoor mask mandate should the seven-day Orange County case rate fall below 10 percent and reinstate an indoor mask mandate in consultation with the Board President should the seven-day case rate rise above 10 percent in Orange County as reported by the Orange County Health Care Agency.

Unfortunately, positive COVID case rates have continued on an upward trajectory in Orange County. Your wellness and safety remain a priority and given the current environment, the indoor mask requirement will remain in place indefinitely, until county metrics improve. At that time, a district communication will be sent to all employees.

Effective today, please note that all employees are required to wear a mask indoors while on campus.

Please remember to refer to the Return to Work Guidelines for COVID related questions.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and patience. Be well.

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Chancellor