Dear Students:

Before this week, we shared information about how to upload vaccination records as a requirement of the Fall 2021 return to campus. We have additional details to share, which are covered below. For those who continue to need assistance in uploading their records, please contact Student Services at 949.582.4171 or myGateway. CypressCollege.edu.

Vaccination Mandate Update

To prepare for the implementation of California's COVID-19 vaccination mandate at Cypress College, students and employees may soon be required to submit vaccination information or request an exemption through myGateway. See the most recent memo to students and employees for required documentation by November 15. Those who are fully vaccinated by the deadline will receive an email no later than October 18. Students and local medical offices must provide verification available at www.myvaccinepassport.com, and Cypress College will be holding two vaccination clinics to assist you in attaining this deadline, which are detailed at the end of this message.

The vaccination mandate was established by the North Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees. Students are required to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination for all employees and for students enrolled in on-campus classes, with accommodations for medical or personal exemptions as defined by law. The policy requires that all employees, as well as students who secure in-person classes or programs, be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by November 15. Students will be offered assistance until their fall semester begins. Students and employees who are not vaccinated by November 15 will have to select to continue working in the workplace (which has been fully approved) or leave and enroll in distance learning.

Consistent with applicable law, exemptions will be granted to the NCCCD Human Resources Office at its discretion based on medical conditions as well as religious beliefs.

Vaccination Verification Process Launched

Employees and students are able to upload vaccination documentation and request exemptions through myGateway. Please visit the webpage to upload your information. If you do not have an account, you can register from the login page. You may also upload your documentation once you have received an email requesting to do so. Your documentation will be reviewed and you will receive an email notification. Students and employees who do not request an exemption by the deadline will receive an email no later than October 18.

Vaccination Deadline

Students have a November 15 deadline, and will not be able to register in spring or summer classes without proof of COVID-19 vaccination or approval for an exemption. Any employee who is not vaccinated by the deadline will be on leave with pay. Those who are fully vaccinated by November 15 will have to select to continue working at the workplace (which has been fully approved) or leave and enroll in distance learning.

Masking and Social Distancing

Cypress College will continue to require that masks be worn at all times while on campus, as well as in all indoor public spaces. Students who are fully vaccinated may be exempt from wearing a face covering while on campus. Please see the most recent memo to students and employees for additional information.

Vaccine Clinics

In preparation for the vaccination mandate, Cypress College has partnered with the North Orange County Health Agency to host on-campus vaccine clinics. These clinics will be held on Wednesday, September 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Cypress College Student Center.

Vaccine Town Hall

Students have the opportunity to facilitate a campus town hall on the 15th and 22nd weeks with local and county officials virtually. Please sign up and questions you may have, we will always do our best to answer truthfully and transparently. We care about you, your health, and the success of our community. We will work this through together.

Burn Cypress!

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