



**COVID-19
MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT**

May/June 2021

**Board of Trustees
June 24, 2021**

The Board of Trustees is presented with a COVID-19 Monthly Update Report each month, with the last one presented on May 27, 2021. The information provided in this monthly update report includes updates and changes related to campus operations and the COVID-19 pandemic that occurred up to June 17, 2021.

June 15, 2021 Government Update on COVID-19

On June 11th the Governor started lifting some of his pandemic executive orders. Some of the orders being lifted included terminating the Stay-at-Home Order that was implemented early in the pandemic and retiring the Blueprint for a Safer Economy. On June 15, restrictions such as physical distancing, capacity limits and the county tier system ended.

Santa Barbara County Public Health was asked about specific guidance for higher education and they stated that at this point in time, they are following the [basic post-Blueprint Guidance](#) and CalOSHA.

COVID-19 ON-CAMPUS REPORTED CASES

Confirmed, reported positive cases of students and employees who work or attend class(es) on-campus:

	July 2020	Aug 2020	Sept 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021
Employees	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1
Students	0	1	6	3	2	0	8	33	5

	April 2021	May 2021
Employees	0	0
Students	0	0

IN-PERSON COURSES, SUMMER I and II 2021

Eighteen sections of courses are being offered in person for Summer I. The courses range from Chemistry to Theater Arts, and include courses in Cosmetology. The number of course sections offered in person in Summer II is approximately 47.

Overall course offerings have been reduced for Summer 2021 from Summer I 2020 by approximately 15%.

VACCINATIONS

Vaccination is now available to residents ages 12+. Additionally, many vaccination sites are open to residents without needing to make an appointment in advance.

CAMPUS MESSAGING

Campus-wide email highlights sent by Victor Bryant, Acting Executive Director of Public Affairs and Communications, June 3, 2021 and Dr. Goswami on June 9, 2021:

As a result of recommendations by the College Planning Council at its meeting on June 2, the return to campus date for faculty and staff has been pushed back from June 15 to July 12, 2021. On July 12 we will begin the phase-in process that will continue through August 15. However, the campus will be open per the Governor's announcement for various activities/events on a volunteer basis beginning June 15.

The current color tier system will sunset on June 15 and new, yet to be published, state guidelines will come into force. Consistent with the Governor's announcement, we will open up the campus on June 15 to anyone who voluntarily wishes to come to campus to work or for other college activities.

The following safety protocols will continue to be in force for all employees, students, and visitors until new or revised protocols are issued:

1. Must check in through 'Healthy Roster' app.
2. Masks required indoors; masks also required outdoors if physical distancing is not possible.
3. Maintain social distancing of six feet.

INFORMATION SHARING AND WEBSITES

Current updates and information available on *SBCC Websites*:

Business Services - [Return to Campus Projects page](#)

Information related to District provided PPE, supplies, and sanitizers, as well as HVAC/ventilation, classroom capacities, safety precautions, and special event updates. HVAC assessment reports completed by Palt and Associates are available by building for all three campuses.

<https://www.sbcc.edu/businessservices/returntocampus.php>

Human Resources - [Return to Campus for Plans and Guidelines](#)

Information related to employees, forms and guidelines. Website has been updated to have Healthy Roster instructions and In-Person Safety Protocols in the 'Students' section, as well as CDC self screening and Manager Return Guidelines under the employee section.

<https://www.sbcc.edu/hr/employee-return-to-campus.php>

General Information - [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Campus Updates](#)

Information related to COVID, updated by the Office of Communications.

<https://www.sbcc.edu/newsandevents/covid-19/covid-19-campus-updates.php>

FACILITIES SAFETY PROJECTS

The District Facilities and Operations team continues to install health guards across all three campuses, with a focus on employee offices, reception areas, and other administrative shared spaces. The timeline to complete installation of health guards in these spaces is by July 12, 2021. Faculty members can request installation of health guards in classrooms.

Wall mounted and free standing hands-free hand sanitizers have been purchased and are installed on all three campuses.

Classroom capacities continue to be reviewed, analyzed and discussed as COVID-19 restrictions are updated.

There are currently no plans for tents to be placed on the Main Campus for use as outdoor classrooms, beyond the ones currently in use by the Physical Education department.

A 30 foot by 20 foot tent was purchased and installed at the Main Campus and is located in Memorial Plaza by the Student Services building. The tent will be utilized by various Student Services departments.

Appropriately sized HEPA air purifiers will be placed in all classrooms and large shared spaces on all three campuses. Employees can request small HEPA air purifiers for their offices through Facilities.

HEATING VENTILATION AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC) ASSESSMENTS

All of our District facilities are in compliance with the current California Department of Public Health, Higher Education Guidelines, specific to ventilation, as follows:

1. Increasing our HVAC outside air ventilation to 100%.
2. Having all HVAC systems run continuously.
3. Continued use of MERV-13 filters within HVAC systems.
4. Opening windows, where possible.
5. Placing portable HEPA air purifiers, where possible.

Based on these guidelines and recent modifications to our HVAC systems, all of our offices and classrooms meet or exceed all federal and state guidelines and we are, therefore, confident that our offices and classrooms are prepared to be occupied.

Palt and Associates, an HVAC specialist consulting firm, completed HVAC assessments across all three campuses in May 2021. The results of the assessment are divided into Main Campus buildings and Wake and Schott Campus reports. These reports have been published on the [Business Services Return to Campus](#) webpage under "HVAC Reports 2021" drop down section, organized by building.

The scope of work was to test supply airflows for all indicated classrooms, lecture halls and offices to determine air change rates for each room/area. All tested airflows listed in the report can only be used to evaluate the condition of the HVAC system. The standards referenced are meant to evaluate the

HVAC systems only and cannot in any way be used in regard to health and safety recommendations. Air change rate levels listed in these reports are based on current ASHRAE Standard recommendations.

- The first report "Supply Airflow Testing Report" HVAC assessments were performed in May of 2021 for all buildings prior to HEPA air purifier installations, and with all windows and doors closed, in order to test the air change rate produced by the HVAC system alone.
- The second reports referred to as "Supply Airflow Testing Report REV 1" reports were completed subsequently in June 2021 to retest classrooms and offices after repairs, adjustments and modifications were performed in these areas. These second reports are for areas within the buildings that did not meet the ASHRAE requirements in specific areas.
- A third set of assessments will be performed on a sampling of spaces that did not meet the recommended air change rate and will include having HEPA air purifiers as a part of the air change rate testing. These assessments are planned to be completed prior to the start of the Fall 2021 semester.

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

The District continues to make available to students and employees various technology devices. The latest number of chromebooks and hotspots checked out as of 6/14/21 are:

- 980 chromebooks checked out (Students 830, Employees 150)
 - 492 chromebooks still available for check out
- 890 hotspots checked out (Students 662, Employees 228)
 - 298 hotspots still available for check out

The IT Department continues to provide other technology devices such as scanners, webcams, iPads, iMacs, and other essential equipment to students and employees.

VOLUNTARY VACCINATION DISCLOSURE

In support of the Board's motion of May 27, 2021 the District is developing procedures which will allow people to voluntarily disclose being fully vaccinated and for the district to track that information so that the status will not have to be repeatedly disclosed. Information Technology is working on a voluntary disclosure form which can be filled out online. Proof of vaccination can be uploaded along with the form and when approved, an Office of Communications created sticker, much like our previous bus pass or activity sticker, can be attached to an SBCC ID. This can be shown whenever a person wants to disclose their status.

COVID-19 TESTING REGIMEN

President's Cabinet is currently working on protocols for testing unvaccinated people. Unvaccinated people are defined as any person who has not voluntarily disclosed and documented being fully vaccinated.

COVID TEAM HIRING

The hiring of a COVID Response Coordinator is moving forward with application reviews.