



September 23, 2021

Re: COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate

Dear West Valley-Mission Colleagues,

As we prepare to enter the fifth week of the semester, we are hopeful that you are doing well. We appreciate all the hard work you have put in over the past weeks to support our students as we transition towards in-person learning once again.

On Tuesday, September 21st, the WVMCCD Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adopt a COVID-19 vaccination mandate and testing program for all employees and all students across the district. **As part of the implementation of this new policy, all students and District employees will be required to declare their vaccination status via a COVID-19 Compliance Declaration Form by November 1, 2021.**

Please note you are considered “fully vaccinated” two weeks after completing the second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine (e.g., Pfizer or Moderna) or two weeks after receiving a single dose of a one-dose vaccine (e.g., Johnson & Johnson/Janssen).

**All District employees must either be fully vaccinated by November 1, 2021, or they must begin a twice weekly testing protocol which will be provided on campus free of charge during the Fall semester.** Please note that the free COVID testing opportunities provided by the District this Fall will not be offered during the Spring semester. Regardless of your vaccination status, remember that you are required to wear a mask when indoors at any campus facility.

Please note the vaccination process can take up to six weeks to complete, so do not delay making your first appointment. You can visit [myturn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) to schedule a vaccination appointment near you. Both colleges are also working on having COVID-19 vaccines available on campus in the coming weeks.

We know the pandemic has been a challenging time for everyone, and we are committed to continuing to do all we can to support you as we transition back to in-person learning. The West Valley-Mission Community College District is continuing to take the necessary precautions to keep you safe while following the guidance of the Santa Clara County Public Health Department, the state, and the CDC. Your safety will continue to be our highest priority. While a vaccination mandate is not a perfect tool, it adds an important additional layer of protection beyond mandatory face coverings on campus, appropriate distancing, enhanced air circulation, and enhanced sanitation practices that are already in place.

We thank you in advance for your patience and attention to helping us keep our campus safe for everyone. Be on the lookout for additional updates as we move forward through the fall semester and into Winter/Spring.

If you have additional questions, please visit our WVMCCD COVID-19 information page: <https://wvm.edu/covid-19/Pages/default.aspx>

Thank You,

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