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Merced College Students,

Merced College is closely monitoring and assessing the rapidly changing COVID-19 situation. As such, we are updating our on-site protocols to include “universal masking.” At this point, when on campus, students must adhere to the following guidelines:

EFFECTIVE: MONDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2021

	<u>VACCINATED</u>	<u>UNVACCINATED</u>
Face Coverings Outdoors	Not Needed	Not Needed
Face Coverings Indoors	REQUIRED	REQUIRED
Social Distancing	Not Needed	Not Needed

- While inside, all students and employees, regardless of vaccination status, will be required to wear a mask.
 - The only exceptions are:
 - students who have enrolled with DSPS and received an accommodation for not masking while indoors
 - students studying or working alone in a room (i.e. study room in the LRC)
 - students actively consuming food or drink.

Students who do not comply with the “universal masking” requirement will be subject to the Student Code of Conduct. Merced College will continue to monitor the COVID-19 landscape and will re-evaluate the masking protocol when infection rates decline.

Additional Information

- Merced College strongly recommends that students get vaccinated as it is the most effective defense against contracting and spreading the disease. If you have not been vaccinated, please consider doing so for the protection of yourself and others.
- Masks and hand sanitizer will be available for students in both classrooms and at the Student Health Center
- Fully vaccinated means fourteen (14) days have passed since you received two (2) doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines OR one (1) dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.
- On August 16 and 17, 2021, Merced County Department of Public Health’s mobile vaccination clinic will be onsite at Merced College main campus offering vaccines to employees and students. The times are as follows:
 - August 16, 2021: 8:00am-4:00pm
 - August 17, 2021: 8:00am-2:00pm
 - ✓ All three vaccinations will be available (Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson) to meet the needs of those who are interested in a first or second shot on the 16th or 17th.

Social Distancing:

- Social distancing is not required on campus regardless of vaccination status.

Masks:

- Masks are NOT required outdoors regardless of vaccination status.
- Masks are required INDOORS for all students and employees regardless of vaccination status.

Common Sense Standards:

- Social distancing is no longer a requirement, but commonsense standards should be adhered to when meeting with others: if space is available, then distance to the degree you are able.
- Stay home if you are sick
- Clean your hands often
- Avoid sharing personal items
- Clean “high touch” surfaces frequently
- Monitor your symptoms

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