



Merced College Students,

As Merced College works to safely re-open face-to-face classes and services, we want to assure you that we will continue to closely monitor and assess the rapidly changing COVID-19 situation. We are working diligently to ensure that our campus is aligned with all guidelines and will continue to provide updates as needed. At this point, when on campus students must adhere to the following guidelines:

	VACCINATED	UNVACCINATED
Face Coverings Outdoors	Not Needed	Not Needed
Face Coverings Indoors	Not Needed	REQUIRED
Social Distancing	Not Needed	Not Needed

- Students will self-attest vaccination status, as such it will be on the “honor” system. At this time, Merced College faculty and staff will not be asking students their vaccination status.

Additional Information

Vaccination status for students will be on the honor system.

- 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.

- 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.

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 those who are NOT vaccinated.
- If you are fully vaccinated, you DO NOT need to wear a mask INDOORS.
- Face coverings are the second best defense (aside from being vaccinated)

Common Sense Standards:

- Social distancing is no longer a requirement, but common sense standards should be adhered to when meeting with others: if space is available, then distance to the degree you are able.
- Whether vaccinated or not, continuing to monitor for symptoms
- 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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