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Returning to Campus

The Merced Community College District is excited to return to in-person learning and a vibrant campus life. As restrictions are lifted, the College will begin to return classes and services with face-to-face options, while maintaining the convenience of the online options developed during the pandemic. Currently, walk-up window services are available in the Leshar Building and Building A in Los Banos, with the Leshar Building and Building A in Los Banos set to re-open for services to students on Monday, July 26th.

The safety and well-being of our students, employees and the community is Merced College's highest priority. As such, we will continue to monitor the public health situation involving COVID-19 and provide the latest information available about instruction and operations to our students and campus community.

Vaccination

Merced College does not require students to receive the COVID-19 vaccine to attend classes in a face-to-face modality. However, we strongly encourage students to consider getting their vaccination to ensure the health and safety for themselves and the community.

Based on California Department of Public Health guidance and local considerations, all residents 12 years of age and older are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination. The Pfizer vaccine is currently the only one authorized for individuals age 12 and older. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are authorized for those 18 years and older.

Vaccination Appointments:

For the latest information about vaccination clinics, visit <https://vaccinatemercedcounty.com/> on the Merced County Health Department website.

Instruction: Merced College is offering in-person instruction beginning in the Summer 2021. We will continue to provide face-to-face, online, and hybrid learning options.

Student Services: The Walk-Up Windows are available for in-person services Monday – Thursday from 8am-12pm & 1pm-5pm. Beginning on July 26th, the Leshar Student Services Building and Building A in Los Banos will be open for services.

Athletics and athletic facilities: Merced College Athletics is planning for normal or near-normal activity in Fall 2021. For more information, contact the Merced College Athletic Department at (209) 384-6022 or cassady.s@mccd.edu

In-person instruction and student services: Higher Education in California is currently using the [COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards](#) (ETS), which include current [public health guidelines](#).

Masks: For students, Merced College strongly recommends the use of a mask for unvaccinated students. Merced College employees will not ask students their vaccination status.

Social Distancing: 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 for summer and fall classes, classes are being held in the largest classrooms available to allow for practical distancing of students. Additionally, socially distance spaces have been expanded throughout all campuses, both inside and outside, for students in between classes and/or looking for a place to study, complete classwork assignments, etc.

We will be sharing more information in coming days about facilities-related health and safety measures that have been put in place to provide additional security to those who are working onsite or will soon return to one of the College's sites. Please stay tuned to your email for those updates. In summary, Merced College is eager and excited to welcome you back to in-person learning and support services. We have everything you need; all we are missing is YOU!

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