

June 27, 2020

Merced College Community,

On Friday, July 26, 2020, the Central Valley Conference (CVC) announced the suspension of athletic competition for the fall 2020 semester. As a member of the CVC, and out of a desire to protect both staff and student-athletes from the coronavirus, Merced College will align with the conference decision and suspend all fall athletic competition. This decision was not arrived at lightly, but with coronavirus cases continuing to climb across the state, and a shocking 69% rise in just two days, the Central Valley region has witnessed record elevated levels of transmission and hospitalization. Merced College will continue to explore opportunities for our athletic programs for the fall term as well as monitor the pandemic with the hopes of competing in athletics in the spring of 2021.

Sincerely,



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