RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
TO RESCIND THE COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIREMENT
AND REINSTATE MASKING REQUIREMENTS
FOR STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND CAMPUS VISITORS.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22/23

FOURTH ADDENDUM TO RESOLUTION NO. 02-21/22

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2021, the Board of Trustees passed Resolution No. 02 - 21/22 mandating proof of vaccination status for student and employees, with an addendum on October 28, 2021, a second addendum on January 18, 2022; and a third addendum on March 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the District and its policies regarding COVID-19 remain in line with federal and state laws and should continue to be in alignment with recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal OSHA), and the Riverside County Department of Public Health (RCDPH); and

WHEREAS, as of July 20, 2022, 83.8 percent of the population in California have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccination and 73.3 percent are considered fully vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, 78.9 percent of individuals over the age of 18 in Riverside County have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccination and 70.9 percent have received a COVID-19 vaccine booster; and

WHEREAS, in Riverside County, as of July 20, 2022, just 7.2 percent of hospital inpatient beds in Riverside County are in use by individuals who are confirmed to be infected with COVID-19 variant Omicron BA.5; and

THEREFORE, IT IS NOW RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees directs the Chancellor to rescind the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for students, employees, and visitors accessing District and college facilities, attending face-to-face instruction or receiving in-person services; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees directs the Chancellor and college leadership to continue to message the positives of a COVID-19 vaccination and booster to students, employees, and visitors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that masking is a critical public health tool, therefore the Board of Trustees directs the Chancellor to reinstate the District’s policy of the mandatory wearing of a well-fitted mask while indoors at District and college facilities, during outbreaks of COVID-19 on campus, and/or as directed by CDC, Cal OSHA, RCDPH and California guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on-campus testing remain available to students, employees, and visitors, and that the District continue to provide personal protective items on campus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees directs the Chancellor to take all necessary and appropriate action to implement proper health and safety protocols for the ongoing protection of students and employees.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of August 2022, at the meeting of the Riverside Community College Board of Trustees.

Bill Hedrick, President, Board of Trustees
Riverside Community College District