

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
TO DIRECT THE DISTRICT TO PREPARE FOR A SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON
INSTRUCTION ON ALL RCCD CAMPUSES IN THE FALL OF 2021**

RESOLUTION NO. 70 – 20/21

WHEREAS, the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”), which was categorized by the World Health Organization as a globalized pandemic, and declared by the President of the United States to be a national emergency, and by the Governor of California to be a state emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Riverside Community College District (RCCD) college campuses were closed to protect students, employees and the community from possible exposure to COVID-19. The faculty, staff and administrators immediately launched a heroic effort to move classes and student services online to resume instruction in an online setting one week after the closure. This move to online instruction was followed by the development of hybrid classes and limited in-person instruction for essential sectors that required labs and studios; and

WHEREAS, RCCD recognizes that over time the confluence of challenges in educating students online and in hybrid modes has exacerbated equity gaps in completion rates among student populations; and

WHEREAS, the RCCD mission to serve and enrich its diverse communities by offering programs and services that help students achieve their educational and career goals. The District strives to impact the social and economic mobility of its students by ensuring access, success and equity for everyone who wishes to take advantage of the educational opportunities offered by its colleges; and

WHEREAS, RCCD established a Safe Return Taskforce made up of representatives of students, faculty, staff and administrators to develop recommendations for restoring on-site operations to the Chancellor, adopt the RCCD COVID-19 Prevention Plan and assemble and publish guidelines to provide a reasonably safe working environment in accordance with COVID-19 direction and regulations issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), California Department of Public Health (CDPH), California Community College Chancellor’s Office, the California Department of Industrial Relations Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal OSHA), as well as other health orders from state and local public health officers; and

WHEREAS, RCCD has worked with state and local health officials to provide access to the COVID-19 vaccine for students, faculty, staff and their families, and will continue working with those partners to provide access to any boosters and subsequent vaccinations that are released; and

WHEREAS, many faculty and staff across the District have already received their COVID-19 vaccinations and the Board of Trustees encourages all students, faculty and staff to get vaccinated for COVID-19 as soon as possible in order to protect themselves and others; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of California has recommended that the state move beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy and reopen its economy across the state if:

- 1) There is enough vaccine supply for Californians 12 years of age and older to be vaccinated; and
- 2) Hospitalizations rates remain stable and low, especially among fully vaccinated Californians.

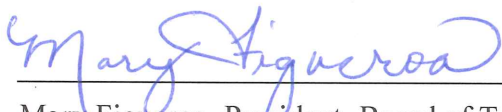
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Riverside Community College District directs the Chancellor to work with the college presidents and other administrators across the District to prepare their campuses, divisions and units to return to in-person instruction and other campus activities in the fall 2021 semester.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District and colleges' leadership is hereby authorized to implement all necessary actions to fully resume in-person campus operations, including:

- 1) Transitioning all administrators back to on-site work locations by June 7, with limited exceptions as per District policies and procedures and review by the District's Human Resources and Employee Relations (HRER) department.
- 2) Transitioning all staff back to on-site work locations by June 16, with limited exceptions as per District policies and procedures and review by HRER.
- 3) Returning to traditional modalities of instruction and traditional course scheduling processes by August 23, with limited exceptions to be reviewed by department chairs and directors, in consultation with academic deans and HRER.
- 4) Implementing processes and procedures to facilitate and track the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations and test results and keep individual health information confidential.
- 5) Continuing temporary quarantine and isolation requirements for students and employees who may test positive for COVID-19.
- 6) Continuing effective contact tracing and mandated reporting under the direction of and in cooperation with local public health authorities.
- 7) Continuing to provide reasonably convenient access to the COVID-19 vaccine for all students and employees.
- 8) Maintaining ample supplies of personal protective equipment and other necessary items to promote sanitation and to mitigate the risk of on-campus virus transmission.

- 9) Monitoring and modifying the District's COVID-19 Prevention Plan and providing data-informed policies and procedures to mitigate the risk of onsite virus transmission.
- 10) Continue to make any modifications necessary to instruction and student services throughout the 2021 summer term, fall semester and the next academic year.
- 11) If public health conditions warrant adjustments, the Board of Trustees further directs that modifications and adjustments to the Safe Return and COVID-19 plans be consistent with the health policy guidelines from the state and county regarding the COVID-19 virus.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of May, 2021 at the regular meeting of the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees.



Mary Figueroa, President, Board of Trustees
Riverside Community College District