NEW COVID-19 STATE AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY DIRECTIVES

The College’s COVID Workgroup provides the following information to update you with the latest COVID-19 state and Los Angeles County Orders, and to remind all of us to continue to exercise caution and watchfulness in our daily lives as we experience a significant increase in the community spread of the coronavirus.

Recently, the State of California implemented a new COVID-19 Stay at Home Order effective based on a region’s utilized ICU capacity. In addition, as of November 30, 2020, Los Angeles County issued a revised Safer at Home Health Officer Order.

Please note that neither the new state order nor the Los Angeles County Order will impact the College’s limited number of essential employees authorized to be on campus or the limited number of students on campus for labs associated with essential job training.

I. State Stay at Home Order

The Regional Stay at Home Order would be in effect for three weeks after the effective date, and instructs Californians to stay at home as much as possible to limit the mixing with other households that can lead to COVID-19 spread. It allows access to (and travel for) critical services, and allows outdoor activities to preserve Californians’ physical and mental health. This limited closure will help stop the surge and prevent overwhelming regional ICU capacity. The trigger for implementation of the new restrictions is based on a region falling below 15% of ICU capacity. We are part of the Southern California Region. Currently the Southern California region is listed at 20.6% ICU capacity. If the current trends continue, the Southern California region will meet the trigger within the next week.

In any region that triggers a Regional Stay at Home Order because it drops below 15% ICU capacity, the following sectors must close:

- Indoor and outdoor playgrounds
- Indoor recreational facilities
- Hair salons and barbershops
- Personal care services
- Museums, zoos, and aquariums
- Movie theaters
- Wineries
- Bars, breweries, and distilleries
- Family entertainment centers
- Cardrooms and satellite wagering
- Limited services
- Live audience sports
- Amusement parks

The following sectors will have additional modifications in addition to 100% masking and physical distancing:

- Outdoor recreational facilities: Allow outdoor operation only without any food, drink or alcohol sales. Additionally, overnight stays at campgrounds will not be permitted.
- Retail: Allow indoor operation at 20% capacity with entrance metering and no eating or drinking in the stores. Additionally, special hours should be instituted for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.
- Shopping centers: Allow indoor operation at 20% capacity with entrance metering and no eating or drinking in the stores. Additionally, special hours should be instituted for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.
- Hotels and lodging: Allow to open for critical infrastructure support only.
- Restaurants: Allow only for take-out, pick-up, or delivery.
II. Los Angeles County Revised Safer at Home Health Officer Order

Effective November 30, 2020, residents are advised to stay home as much as possible and always wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when they are outside their household and around others.

The additional safety modifications in the order include the following changes to the existing Health Officer Order:

- **Gatherings:** All public and private gatherings with individuals not in your household are prohibited, except for faith-based services and protests, which are constitutionally protected rights.

- **Occupancy limits at various businesses:** All individuals at these sites are required to wear face coverings and keep at least six feet of distance:
  - Essential retail – 35% maximum occupancy
  - Non-essential retail (includes indoor malls) – 20% maximum occupancy
  - Personal care services – 20% maximum occupancy
  - Libraries – 20% maximum occupancy
  - Fitness centers operating outdoors – 50% maximum occupancy
  - Museums, galleries, zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens operating outdoors – 50% maximum occupancy
  - Mini-golf, batting cages, go-kart racing operating outdoors – 50% maximum occupancy

- **Outdoor recreation activities:** All which require face coverings (except for swimming) and distancing:
  - Beaches, trails, and parks remain open; gatherings at these sites with members outside your household are prohibited.
  - Golf courses, tennis courts, pickleball, archery ranges, skate parks, bike parks, and community gardens remain open for individuals or members of a single household. Pools that serve more than one household may open only for regulated lap swimming with one person per lane.
  - Drive-in movies/events/car parades are permitted provided occupants in each car are members of one household.

- **Schools:**
  - Schools and day camps that are open may remain open, adhering to re-opening protocols. TK-12 Schools and Day Camps with an outbreak (3 cases or more over 14 days) must close for 14 days.

- **Closed non-essential businesses/activities:**
  - Playgrounds (with the exception of playgrounds at childcare and schools)
  - Cardrooms

Because of the high rates of transmission in the community, restaurants, bars, breweries and wineries remain closed for in-person dining and drinking, as customers are not wearing face coverings during their visit, which results in an increased change of transmission of the virus. Restaurants, wineries and breweries remain open for retail sales at 20% occupancy.
Please visit http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/ and/or California COVID-19 website for additional information.