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Subject: Vaccine Update

I am sure as you have been listening to the news at the federal, state, and local levels, you may be somewhat confused as to where we, as education employees, are in line for the COVID-19 vaccination.

Here is what we know as of today. Bear in mind that vaccination parameters may very well change over the next few weeks and months, primarily due to the desire to get as many people vaccinated and the reality of a severely limited vaccine supply.

The State of California and Los Angeles County have developed a phased approach to the order of who gets vaccinated. Los Angeles County is currently completing vaccinations at Phase 1A, Tier 1, which primarily includes healthcare workers. Phase 1B, Tier 1 was to include people aged 75 years and older and education workers. Citrus College faculty and staff are included in the definition of education employees; however, recently, the state announced that it wants all people aged 65 years and older to be vaccinated now. In Los Angeles County, this translates to approximately 1.4 million people, and the county receives about 137,000 vaccine doses per week. The result is that for us as education employees, the ability to get vaccinated under the category of education employees is being delayed. It is anticipated that the vaccine for education employees will begin in about three months. Please note that students are not prioritized in the current phase plan. They currently are included in the proposed Phase 2, which includes persons 16-59 years old without high-risk medical conditions.

In a nutshell, while the ability of our employees and students to get vaccinated will play a key role in returning most classes to campus, it is difficult to say with any degree of certainty when this may occur. However, please know that the College is developing plans to look at additional programs that may be returned to campus under the parameters of careful safety protocols.

With the assistance of Dr. Shauna Bigby, Director of Health Services, the College has explored the possibility of becoming a vaccination site. The College would need to enroll in the federal COVID-19 Vaccination Program coordinated through their jurisdiction's immunization program to operate as a vaccination site. Minimum qualifications include proper storage requirements, including refrigeration and generators. All licensed medical providers administering the vaccine

must be competent in the informed consent process, COVID-19 vaccine administration, vaccine reconstitution, storage requirements, side effects, emergency management of adverse reactions, record-keeping, and waste and disposal.

Enrolled COVID-19 vaccination providers must be credentialed/licensed in the jurisdiction where the vaccination takes place, and sign and agree to the conditions in the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement. These conditions are detailed in the agreement itself:

1. Administer COVID-19 vaccine in accordance with Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP) recommendations.
2. Within 24 hours of administering a dose of COVID-19 vaccine record in the vaccine recipient's record and report required information to the relevant state, local, or territorial public health authority. The provider must maintain the vaccine administration records for at least 3 years following vaccination, or longer if required by state, local, or territorial law. These records must be made available to any federal, state, local, or territorial public health department to the extent authorized by law.
3. Not sell or seek reimbursement for COVID-19 Vaccine and any diluent, syringes, needles, or other constituent products and ancillary supplies provided by the federal government.
4. Administer COVID-19 vaccine regardless of the vaccine recipient's ability to pay.
5. Provide an Emergency Use Authorization fact sheet for recipients or vaccine information statement (VIS), as applicable, to each vaccine recipient/parent/legal representative prior to vaccination.
6. Comply with CDC requirements for vaccine management, including storage and handling, temperature monitoring at all times, complying with jurisdiction's instructions for dealing with temperature excursions, and monitoring expiration dates. Providers must keep all records related to COVID-19 vaccine management for a minimum of three years, or longer if required by law.

Currently, the College does not have the capability to meet all requirements to be a vaccination site. Also, please note, even if the College were able to become a vaccination site, it would be unable to focus exclusively on employees and students; rather, the vaccination site would have to open to anyone in the current tier approved for a vaccination. In conversation with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, we have been told that the current issue is not a limited number of vaccination sites but the extremely limited availability of the vaccine.

It is anticipated that as more vaccines become available, assisted with the addition of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, the ability of people aged 65 years or older and education employees to get vaccinated will improve. When the vaccine is available, it is anticipated that College employees will have several vaccination options:

1. Through the employee's healthcare provider.
2. At a site located in the county the employee resides.
3. Certain drug stores such as CVS.

The College is looking at the possibility of contracting with a local healthcare facility to provide vaccinations for College employees.

As we endure and progress through these challenging times, the COVID-19 Workgroup will keep you informed of new developments.

On behalf of the COVID-19 Workgroup, I wish you and your loved ones good health and stay safe!