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New #1: Whereas the CDC, the State of California, and Cal OSHA have removed mask mandates for vaccinated people in California, and whereas students who have struggled with remote learning need to feel safe to return to campus to pursue their educational goals, just as students in the UC and CSU systems will feel safe;

**Old #2:** Whereas the public health community considers vaccination to be the more effective and least harmful path to herd immunity as opposed to direct exposure to COVID19, and as we have made progress in vaccination numbers, there are still multitudes of US residents that remain unvaccinated. Researchers are exploring why some demographics are lagging and have identified impediments to access and hesitancy rather than unwillingness as the primary culprits.

New #2: Whereas the public health community considers vaccination to be the most effective and least harmful path to herd immunity as opposed to direct exposure to COVID19, and as the delta and other variants pose risks to the unvaccinated, even as vaccination rates in the counties that send students to Las Positas College vary widely and vaccination rates among students and some demographic groups are low;

**#3:** Whereas, as an institution of higher education our responsibilities to the community include dispelling myths

**through the promotion of current scientific consensus and providing to the best of our ability access to testing and vaccinations just as we do with flu inoculation.**

**New #3:** Whereas, as a public institution of higher education, our responsibilities to the community include protecting public health, promoting current scientific consensus, modeling critical thinking, and pursuing equitable solutions to challenging problems; [NOTE: THIS IS INTENDED TO REFERENCE ISLO'S]

**#4:** Whereas, best practices dictate that access to face-to-face instruction and support interaction leads to greater retention and greater student success, a return to face-to-face instruction should be our primary focus. However, this can only be accomplished through herd immunity for safety reasons.

**New #4:** Whereas, best practices dictate that access to face-to-face instruction and learning support leads to greater retention and greater student success, a return to face-to-face instruction should be our primary focus, and whereas continuing to wear masks or enforce mask wearing for only the unvaccinated, separating vaccinated from unvaccinated students, and the like, interfere with certain types of learning and pose significant logistical and pedagogical challenges, and as asking staff, teachers, tutors, and vaccinated students to work and congregate in close proximity to unvaccinated students is not feasible on such a large scale;

**Resolved, we have a vaccine mandate for anyone returning to campus as an employee or student.**

Resolved, we resolutely **embark on educating**<sup>[1][2]</sup> **all community members** so that they feel confident in their decision to get the vaccine, working with research on the safety and efficacy of the vaccine, responding to various demographic groups who may lack access or be hesitant about taking the vaccine, modeling critical thinking and respect and responsibility, and pursuing engaging and personalized modes of information delivery and engagement. Simultaneously, we move to provide access to testing and vaccinations just as we do with other health tests and vaccines;

Resolved, we maintain a robust online presence of classes and student support services so that our students who are too vulnerable to attend classes and support services in person or choose to opt out of vaccinations still have access to instruction and support services.

<https://calmatters.org/health/coronavirus/2021/05/california-herd-immunity/>

<https://www.latimes.com/projects/california-coronavirus-cases-tracking-outbreak/covid-19-vaccines-distribution/>

*New Yorker* article on Delta variant