

**Chat, Questions and Answers
from the Cañada College Town Hall
10/15/21**

1. Regarding HIPAA and protection of all data in the systems here at the college: How are we protecting the Medical data being uploaded in the systems by faculty/students/staff - i.e. is there additional focus and security from within and maybe even outside consulting agencies that specialize in protecting sensitive data like this?

ANSWER FROM RAY H:

@Gampi...the information is secured through out secure intranet banner system. Only approved individuals have access to that information. Currently employee vaccination data is only available to me. The Program Specialists will only have access to the student vaccination information.

2. What is the difference between isolation and quarantine?
3. Can you please speak to accommodations that are not ADA accommodations?
4. Will student assistants who have already uploaded their vaccination status under the employee tab in Websmart have to resubmit their status as students or is the upload in the employee tab enough?
5. Hi Ray, I'm sure that as more science comes out regarding immunity after 6 months the booster shot will become more important. Does Canada plan to require the booster shot at some point? I'm concerned about the level of her immunity in the community moving into the spring as a large portion will become 6 months out from their vaccinations. I have two young children that are unable to get vaccinations which is the root to my concern as we return to in person. Herd*

ANSWER FROM RAY H: @ Lesly...we are still focusing on the primary vaccination requirements and understand boosters are becoming available. As the boosters become widely available and standards are more consistent, we'll have a better idea as to how boosters fit into requirements. For now we encourage people get their boosters when appropriate. I want to stress that first vaccination series are extremely effective even with the waning antibodies.

6. I second Lesly's question as I have two small children who cannot get vaccinated as well.
7. My second question is regarding why are vaccinated people not required to quarantine or provide a negative test if they have had significant exposure? I haven't read any science that states anything other than that vaccinated individuals can contract and spread covid even if they are not symptomatic. I'm just concerned that I could be exposed without knowing it.

ANSWER FROM RAY H: There have been preliminary studies that show that even with breakthroughs with vaccinated individuals the risk is extremely low compared to unvaccinated. The 1918 pandemic flu is still with us. We have been able to live with it with flu vaccines as well. COVID will continue with us. Vaccination is our best defense.

8. I'm glad that the booster requirements are on Canada's radar and I look forward to the updates on this.

9. Will the mask mandate remain during the Spring 2022 semester?

ANSWER FROM RAY H: @Peggy...the district will continue the face covering mandate through December. Beginning January, the district will align to county directives. The bay area is moving to rescinding the mandates. San Francisco and Marin have relaxed some of the mandates where groups are highly vaccinated. The data is showing a decrease in positivity. San Mateo county has dropped to a CDC metric point that if we stay at or below that level, the SMC mandate could be rescinded by next month.

10. If anyone is on campus, come down to the soccer field to support our Women's Soccer Team vs. Foothill. Happening right now (score 7-0, go Colts!)

11. Are the 400 new parking spaces in Lot 6 open use or will there be restrictions for student parking?

ANSWER FROM BRIAN TUPPER: @Candice... Lot 6 spaces are open for use

12. Go COLTS!

13. A member of my household had a breakthrough infection. Zero symptoms - I was unmasked in a car with the person for over an hour - no transmission at all - tested several times with a PCR test...all negative. I know that's just one example but the vax did what it was designed to do.

14. It's going to be beautiful!!

15. Thank you!

16. That's so good to know that the vaccination is doing what it is suppose to do. I hope that we are able to vaccinate our young children soon so they are protected from sever illness and death as well just like out flu shots provide.

17. the Welcome Center have been speaking with students who are happy classes will be back on campus!

18. A big shout out to our amazing folks at our Welcome Center!

19. Will there be a visual guide or video translated in the different languages explaining how to upload their vaccinations cards? This would be very helpful .

20. Please attend the faculty/staff/students/community forum

21. Will the shuttle be picking up and dropping off at the Caltrain station?

22. Where will the shuttle pick up / drop off locations be?

23. That's a great suggestion, David E.!

24. Shuttle Pick up/ Drop Schedule?

a. ANSWER FROM MEGAN: The shuttle route and schedule is in the process of being finalized and we will share updates when they become available - stay tuned!

25. This was the relevant question: Can there be a student health screening process before meeting with counselors in person - Foothill is doing a survey for anyone before they come to their campus - "As we return to campus, if you plan to come to campus this fall for any reason, you will need to have proof on vaccination on file with Foothill College and first take a health self-assessment on the you plan to be on campus."

26. Thanks Megan.
27. someone could have covid with no symptoms
28. wear masks and clean areas!
29. Will there be a mask mandate in place for Spring 2022? (Answer repeated from Ray above)
30. Masking works. Why can't we continue masking if it helps us feel safe? (7 people agreed)
 - a. ANSWER FROM RAY: @ Candice...we want to make our decisions based the collective wisdom of science and why the determination for the county to make that decision.
31. As Cristina said, unvaccinated students would be singled out if they are the only ones masking. Also, our students come from outside of San Mateo as well.
32. Is there data regarding masking preferences among SMCCD employees and students?
33. Great point Krystal! Our students, faculty, and staff living in more than San Mateo County.
34. So will staff and faculty who aren't vaccinated only be teaching online?
 - a. ANSWER FROM MELISSA M: @Paloma: Employees must either be vaccinated or have been granted a medical or religious exemption. If they have been granted an exemption, they must mask up and be tested regularly - I think weekly. Perhaps Ray H can confirm
 - b. ANSWER FROM RAY H: Dr. Moreno is correct.
35. Will there be an opportunity for the campus community to share feedback and comment about the shuttle, pickup/drop-off times, and campus and off campus locations?
 - a. ANSWER FROM MEGAN: @althea- please send shuttle feedback/suggestions to canpresident@smccd.edu
36. if a student who is not vaccinated, and they want in person services, can they take a covid test to show and allow they to com and get the in person services?
 - a. ANSWER FROM RAY H: @ Sarah...If a student isn't vaccinated and does not have an approved medical exemption will ONLY have access to online instruction and virtual services. They cannot provide a covid test.
37. I am confused. Does this mean we are not allowing members of the community onto our campus? How will we know f they are vaccinated?
38. People come to use our computers in the welcome center to apply to the college, most of them do not have computer access to apply. Are they going to be asked to show vaccination status?
39. Great question, Sara! Will this change a student/community member's ability to access our Food Pantry?