



A Message from Interim President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update 8-27-21

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

The bustle of the first week has subsided as students are beginning to settle into their semester. My thanks to each of you for supporting our students through our new normal. It's nice to see students walking around and in The Grove during lunchtime.

Thank you Library Team!

I had a chance this week to visit our staff at the Library. The Cañada College Library team has been at the epicenter of our college's pandemic response from the earliest days of spring 2020, when the abrupt pivot to remote operations created urgent needs for our students, faculty and staff. With limited resources and time, Library staff were able to get a robust technology loan program up and running, resulting in more than 200 students receiving much-needed technology equipment in the first phase of the pandemic. To address the challenge some students had getting to campus to pick up equipment, Library staff partnered with the Learning Center to organize a technology equipment distribution event at the Peninsula Boys and Girls Club in Redwood City. A tech support chat service was also added to help students with any issues encountered while using their loaned equipment.

Online Library Services: Our Librarians moved crucial services such as reference support and Library instruction service online, and added options to better support faculty and student access to important online resources. The work didn't stop there; the Library team also launched the Cañada Library Curbside Pick Up service to help students with access to textbooks and course materials in a convenient and safe manner. District-wide collaboration between Library teams and our bookstores has also been instrumental in providing students access to pick up and return course materials and textbooks. As we navigate the return to more in-person services this fall, the Library team continues to meet student and faculty needs every day. Please join me in appreciating their great work!



Interim Vice President of Administrative Services

As many of you are aware, next Tuesday is the last work day for our VPA Graciano Mendoza. We are going to miss him very much. I wish him the best at Gavilan and they are so very lucky to have hired him. A small screening committee (Diana Tedone-Goldstone, Rachel Corrales and I) will screen and interview Interim VPA candidates next week. We hope to hire our Interim VPA by mid-September.

FDA Approves Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine

As many of you have heard, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration formally approved the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine on August 23. Please be reminded that the District is requiring vaccinations for employees and students. Here are a few additional details:

- If you have not uploaded proof of vaccination, please do so immediately. Instructions for this process can be found below.
- The District is working diligently to scale up the employee vaccination reporting system for student use. We expect it to be launched in the coming weeks and will send multiple communications to students when it becomes available.
- There will still be exemptions for medical and/or religious reasons, but the emergency use authorization exemption will no longer be available.
- Mask wearing is required (with limited exceptions) inside all District facilities and in District vehicles, regardless of vaccination status.

Vaccination Documentation Due

If you haven't already, please complete the vaccination documentation process below:

1. Log into Websmart and select the "employee" tab
2. Click on the "COVID Vaccination" link at the bottom of that page
3. Select "Fully vaccinated" or "Decline to state/not fully vaccinated"

(For those who select “Fully vaccinated,” enter two dose dates for Moderna and Pfizer or one dose date for Johnson & Johnson AND upload a digital copy (jpeg, tiff, or pdf) of vaccination card or California digital vaccination record.)

If you find technical issues with uploading your vaccination information:

- Switch to the Chrome Browser as it works best with the Websmart platform
- Click here for other troubleshooting measures: <https://smccd.edu/student-tutorials/mysmccd-login-portal/troubleshoot-login.php>
- If the above does not resolve the issue, request help through the ITS service form: <https://smccd.edu/portal/>

SMCCCD Return to Campus Website - <https://smccd.edu/return-to-campus/index.php>

This website provides employees and students with important information on requirements, processes, and plans for returning on-site. In addition, it contains updates regarding vaccination and facial covering requirements, facilities sanitation, and ventilation. Information will be added regularly, so employees and students are encouraged to check the site frequently.

Wildfire AQI Monitoring

We’ve seen the daily tragic scenes from multiple wildfires tearing across California, and with those come air quality concerns. We are actively monitoring the Air Quality Index (AQI) in our region. To get timely text message updates about any emergency operational actions resulting from high AQI levels, please ensure your mobile phone number is listed in the [District AlertMe system](#).

Most face coverings currently used to reduce COVID-19 transmission do not protect against particulate matter from wildfire smoke. For this, N95 masks should be worn outdoors if the local AQI reaches unhealthy levels. Employees can request N95 masks for voluntary use using the following procedures:

1. Request PPE through [smartsheet link](#) Two (2) N95s and/or one (1) Face shield per request. Submit completed form.
2. A follow-up automated email will request individual to complete training materials** and attest completion and understanding of proper use.
3. Public Safety will be notified of request and will distribute requested PPE. Documentation of distribution automatically occurs when designee electronically attests distribution

Safety Committee Meeting

The Cañada College Safety Committee will hold its next meeting via Zoom on Monday, August 30 from 10-11 a.m. The meeting is open to the campus community. The meeting agenda is attached.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/87149030293?pwd=U2p3bHh2bXZXc1NISVg0TnBYeEhRUT09>

Meeting ID: 871 4903 0293
Passcode: 348339
One tap mobile
+16699009128,,87149030293# US (San Jose)

Fall Facilities Forum

Please save the date for our Fall Facilities Forum, which will held on Thursday, September 23 from 3– 4:30 p.m. The purpose of the forum is to provide our college community with important construction/facility-related updates. The forum will be held virtually.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/82841085153?pwd=TC8yaytjTjdYTFVWdVVkZHEvZUYrZz09>

Meeting ID: 828 4108 5153
Passcode: 946618
One tap mobile
+16699009128,,82841085153# US (San Jose)

Canvas Support for Students

The Learning Center will have limited in-person services for students when they start next week, staff in that area can help students use Canvas and answer lots of other related questions. Students can also receive support from the virtual.canada site: <https://virtual.canadacollege.edu/my-support-center.php> The link under Canvas & Email support takes students to a chat support resource, for example, and there are lots of other tutorials there as well. We're also working with ITS on some videos to accompany these, which would be even better.

Fall Hours Website

We continue to work together to ensure the health and safety of our community while Cañada begins its phased return to in-person student services. With this, please refer to the [Fall Hours website](#) that provides an updated listing of campus-wide in-person and remote services. If your department hours have changed and need to be reflected on the [Fall Hours website](#), please send updates to canmarketing@smccd.edu.

Weekly Office Hours

I've enjoyed seeing the campus community at my in-person and virtual office hours! If you haven't had a chance to pop in, I invite you to visit my Weekly Office Hours:

President's In-Person Office Hour
In the President's Office, Room 8-207
Tuesdays from 3-4 p.m.

President's Virtual Office Hour
Thursdays from 3-4 p.m.

Zoom Link:

<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/86265480890?pwd=NVIjWnhML1FzeGpIU2pDZFI5aVFxUT09>

Thank you for your hard work this week and I wish you all a restful weekend.

Sincerely,

Kim