



## A Message from Interim President Kim Lopez

### Weekly Update 1-21-22

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

I hope you all had a wonderful first week of the Spring semester. It was great seeing students back on campus. A special thank you to our Cañada Student Senate who welcomed students back with smiles, snacks and school supplies. It's been a busy few weeks connecting with our community. Last Friday, I had the opportunity to meet with the Chamber San Mateo County Leadership Class at their Education Day. We shared information about Cañada College, including our diverse selection of programs, four-year college credit and transfer opportunities, Concurrent, Dual Enrollment and Middle College programs as well as what the future holds for Cañada. It was great to see our two Cañada Leadership participants, Roz Young and James Carranza, in the Zoom Room. On Tuesday, I joined Chancellor Claire and former Cañada College President, Dr. Jamillah Moore (representing SFSU) at the Sequoia Unified High School District (SUHSD) Superintendent's Community Conversation. At the event, we spoke with parents, students and SUHSD employees on advancing college and career pathways in SUHSD.



### **College Connection Hour – Today at 1 p.m.!**

Please join us today for College Connection Hour, a drop-in community-building event for campus community members to gather and connect. The first College Connection Hour will be held, in hybrid format, today from 1-2 p.m. The Zoom link is below for those who prefer to join virtually. People can also meet in-person in CIETL, Building 9, Room 154. We will hold another College Connection Hour next Friday, January 28, from 1-2 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/81126979916>

Meeting ID: 811 2697 9916

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### **Free COVID-19 Testing**

COVID testing services continue to be available at College of San Mateo (CSM) for any student who wishes to get tested, subject to appointment availability. You can access the following website to schedule an appointment: <https://smccd.edu/return-to-campus/testing.php> Additionally, President Biden has announced that every home in the United States is now eligible to receive four free at-home COVID-19 tests. To order your free COVID-19 tests, please fill out the application [linked here](#). Follow all the latest info at: <https://smccd.edu/return-to-campus/employees.php>

### **Free Masks Available on Campus**

SMCCCD continues to make face coverings (masks) available to all students and employees. Face coverings are required when indoors (unless actively eating or drinking). Employee can pick up N95 masks from their division offices. KN95 masks are available to students for free in campus Bookstores and surgical masks are located at various locations throughout all buildings.

### **Updated Directives for COVID-19 Isolation/Exposure/Quarantine Procedures**

Recently, the CDC and San Mateo County Public Health updated their isolation/exposure/quarantine procedures. To explain the impact of these changes on the District's processes, the District's COVID-19 Health Officer, Ray Hernandez, shares updates about the District's Isolation/Exposure/Quarantine Decision Tree in [this video](#).

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Have questions? You can visit the District's [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page for employees to learn about the latest information related to:

- Vaccinations & Face Coverings
- Health & Wellness
- Returning to In-Person Work
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Building Safety & Sanitization

- Safety Standards and COVID-19 Regulations
- Flexibility & Work Schedules

### **Campus Hours Website**

As Cañada begins its return to in-person student services, please refer to the [Campus Hours website](#) that provides an updated listing of campus-wide hours. If your department hours have changed and need to be reflected on the [Campus Hours website](#), please send updates to [canmarketing@smccd.edu](mailto:canmarketing@smccd.edu).

### **Technology Loans**

Current students who need access to internet and technology equipment or software required to complete coursework, are eligible to borrow available equipment such as Chromebooks, hotspots and graphing calculators. They can simply visit, call or email the Library to request technology. For more information, visit the [Technology Loan website](#). We are proud to share that since August 1, 2020, Cañada has checked out 1,023 technology items to students, including laptops, Chromebooks, calculators and WiFi Hotspots. In addition, more than 500 Cañada College students have checked out one or more technology items in this time period. Since Spring 2020, the College has invested \$388,232 to acquire and support technology equipment for student use.

### **Update Your Website at Weekly Training Sessions**

Do you need assistance in updating your website? Join our Web Programmer Analyst, Alessandro Riva, for a virtual one-hour training and drop-in session to maintain your web content with Omni CMS. You will also receive hands-on practice during the session, as well as take-away resources to use for future reference. For those who have extra time in their schedule, we will allocate 30 minutes after the training for a drop-in session to answer questions and provide brief consultation for existing sites and pages. Sessions are offered Thursdays at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. [Sign up for a session here!](#) Our [FAQ](#) is also helpful when updating your website.



**Include Your Events on the College Calendar for Extra Publicity**

Remember to include all your events, workshops, info sessions and anything else of interest to students on our [new public event calendar](#). The online calendar allows the campus community to more easily list their events for students and the public to see and find. We encourage you to start [submitting your events!](#)

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

Sincerely,  
Kim