



June 11, 2021

Colleagues,

As you know, Gov. Newsom's administration has announced that on June 15 California is slated for a full reopening. We have been in close communication with the governor's office as well as state public health and emergency management agencies throughout the pandemic.

This letter is to pass along changes to the emergency regulatory framework that has guided us through the crisis. Generally speaking, the state will sunset industry-specific guidance, including that for higher education.

As we move to reopening, the state will transition to generally accepted practices and protocols that are largely based on whether or not individuals are vaccinated. More information about these protocols can be found at [Beyond the Blueprint Framework for Industry and Business Sectors](#). This document also contains information regarding venues (including food and retail) on campus, as well as sporting events and large indoor/outdoor live performances that may be considered mega events.

All colleges and universities will be authorized to be back in session in full-time, in-person instruction. Colleges will be expected to comply with [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards \(ETS\)](#) as well as any relevant state and local public health guidelines and restrictions. As you may be aware Cal/OSHA is [finalizing](#) workplace regulations pertaining to masking to bring them into closer alignment with state and federal public health guidelines.

Colleges can further plan for the fall by following current [CDC Recommendations for Colleges, Universities, and Higher Learning](#), including [Guidance for Shared or Congregate Housing](#).

With regards to vaccine mandates and testing protocols, California continues to strongly recommend COVID-19 vaccinations for all residents, including eligible students, faculty, and staff, and I strongly encourage districts to adopt vaccination [requirements](#). Campuses should consider maintaining regular testing protocols for those individuals who are not vaccinated.

There have been several questions about face to face instruction related to physical distancing. It is our understanding from the governor's office that after June 15 no physical distancing will be required between students. This allows for full classroom



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capacity and full occupancy in residence halls. Other mechanisms, such as masks, vaccines, ventilation – should be looked to for ongoing safety measures.

Finally, there have been numerous inquiries about college athletics. The governor's office recommends using the [NCAA Resocialization of College Sports](#) guidance for resuming sports practice and competition, including determination of risk levels and prevention, mitigation and treatment of COVID-19 for student-athletes.

Thank you for all you are doing to continue to serve students safely as we welcome more of them back to our campuses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'EOO'.

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