



**COVID-19
MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT**

FEBRUARY 2021

**Board of Trustees
February 25, 2021**

The Board of Trustees is presented with a COVID-19 Monthly Update Report each month, with the last one presented on January 28, 2021. The information provided in this monthly update report includes any changes related to campus operations and the COVID-19 pandemic that occurred during the month of January 2021.

COVID-19 ON-CAMPUS REPORTED CASES

Confirmed, reported positive cases of students and employees who work or attend class(es) on-campus.

	July 2020	August 2020	Sept 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021
Employees	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Students	0	1	6	3	2	0	8

IN-PERSON COURSES, SPRING 2021

10 Exempted Programs in Essential Workforce Fields following an authorized strict, indoor instructional protocol

- Offered in hybrid format with online lectures and in-person labs
- 43 courses with 531 duplicated students, approximately 185 unduplicated students

Physical Education Courses following a strict, outdoor instructional protocol (beginning February 1)

- Offered outdoors with restrictive social distancing and no physical contact, masking and individual control of equipment
- 47 courses with 754 duplicated students, approximately 550 unduplicated students

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT USE OF WAKE CAMPUS FACILITIES

Santa Barbara County Public Health continues to offer vaccinations at the Wake Campus. Vaccinations are being administered per the prioritization guidance from the State and County.

VACCINATIONS FOR EDUCATION SECTOR

In early January, the District received confirmation from the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department that current SBCC employees will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine in Phase 1B, Tier 1 as part of the “Education” category. Vaccinations are a rapidly evolving health challenge. SB County Public Health Department is working diligently to secure enough vaccines to provide to our entire community. The District is awaiting further information on when it will be SBCC’s employees “turn” to receive vaccinations.

The limited supply of vaccines is the greatest factor determining the timeline for vaccination of the Education sector. We continue to be in communication with the Public Health Department for updated information.

Currently Vaccinating Snapshot

STILL ELIGIBLE	STARTING FEBRUARY 16	VACCINATING NEXT
Healthcare, community health workers, emergency medical personnel, long-term care staff and residents.	Adults 65+	Emergency Services, Food & Agriculture Workers, Education & Child Care

FACILITIES SAFETY PROJECTS

The District Facilities and Operations team has been installing health guards across all three campuses, with a focus on employee offices, reception areas, and other administrative shared spaces. The timeline to complete installation of health guards in these spaces is by June 2021. Health guards have been installed in the main office at Wake Campus and various offices in the Administration building at Main Campus. The team is currently custom fabricating health guards in the Student Services building. The District is assessing how health guards can be utilized in classroom spaces.

ADDITIONAL COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDING - HEERF II

The District will be receiving \$11.8M as a part of the new federal COVID Emergency Relief Funds, the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II). Of the \$11.8M, there is a requirement to spend at least \$2.8M on emergency relief financial aid

grants to students. This leaves a maximum of \$8.9M available to the institution to spend on additional financial aid grants for students and/or to cover costs related to COVID.

The HEERF II comes with new spending rules that are less restrictive than HEERF I. The institutional portion of the funds can be used to cover any costs associated with:

- significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus,
- defraying expenses associated with coronavirus (including recovery of lost revenues),
- or to carry out student support activities that address needs related to coronavirus.

Employees, departments and units are able to request HEERF II funds through a request form through February 26, 2021. Requests will be compiled into various expenditure categories for public review at the College Planning Council (CPC) in early March. The list of approved or declined proposals will be brought forward to CPC in mid March. Requestors will be notified their proposal was approved or declined and approved spending can begin as early as late March.

Applications for direct aid to students opened on February 10, 2021. Currently, efforts to award (\$2.8 million to credit students, and \$300,000 to noncredit students) are underway. The District will award additional resources going forward as informed by the ongoing impacts of the pandemic.

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

The District continues to make available to students and employees various technology devices. The latest number of chromebooks and hotspots checked out is as follows:

- 1,069 chromebooks checked out (Students 923, Employees 146)
 - Availability: 189
- 870 hotspots checked out (Students 679, Employees 191)
 - Availability: 102

The IT Department has provided other needed technology such as scanners, webcams, iPads, iMacs, and other essential equipment to students and employees.