COVID-19 UPDATE, JUNE 24, 2020

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Dear Campus Community:

Since March, many changes have occurred at Chaffey College as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. With summer programming in full swing, we continue to provide robust instructional and student services programs for the students we serve. During the summer, faculty continue to teach our students online, and the majority of our staff are working remotely to continue the successful operations of the college.

In every area of our decision-making, the health and well-being of our students, faculty and staff and their families have been our priority. We have been vigilant about practicing safety measures and following the CDC, state, and federal safety guidelines. With few employees at the campus sites currently, we continue to require social distancing, masks/face covering usage, and regular campus cleanings.

We know at some point, our College will resume its face-to-face operations with our students, faculty, and staff returning and utilizing our facilities. We do not yet know the exact date or the plans of return as the pandemic's impact on San Bernardino County changes daily. We do know that in the immediate future most of our campus operations will continue to function chiefly through remote modalities.

In the fall, approximately 150 classes will require in-person instruction. Even though this represents a small percentage of the total course offerings, the faculty and deans are assessing the means and resources necessary to serve students safely. Classified staff will be an important part of that work. All of the planning will need to take into consideration the support required to ensure an effective and safe learning environment for those members of our community who will be on campus in the fall.

We will further phase our return to campuses in a manner that makes sense to do so. In preparation for our return, I have asked Troy Ament, Stephen Lux and Susan Hardie to lead a Reopening Task Force to help us proactively review practices, processes, and safeguards for a safe return to work on our campuses. The taskforce includes faculty, classified staff, and managers and is set to begin meeting in July.

The hard work taking place by you all, despite the pandemic's challenges, is to be commended. Each of you has a role in keeping Chaffey College a place where students feel welcomed and supported. We appreciate your efforts as they greatly benefit our students.

Thank you,

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