

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic nearly a year and a half ago, Palo Verde Community College District has diligently followed all state and local mandates issued by authorities having jurisdiction over the District. As we prepare for the return of in-person classes, we remain committed to ensuring our compliance with state and local mandates intended to reduce the spread of COVID-19. As we have learned a lot about COVID-19 over these past 18 months, and as vaccines and other protective measures are now readily available to all who want them, it is important that faculty, staff, and students assume personal responsibility in ensuring a safe environment for themselves at all our physical locations. Please take advantage of the information and resources outlined in this brochure to help with this important responsibility.

Donald G. Wallace, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President



STUDENTS, PLEASE STAY HOME IF...

Please do not come to campus if you or someone you have come in close contact with tests positive for COVID-19, or if you exhibit these symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Symptoms may take 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus to appear.

EXPOSED OR TEST POSITIVE?

If you test positive or if you think you have been exposed to covid-19 you can confidentially report this to:

Irma Gonzalez
Associate Dean of Counseling
irma.gonzalez@paloverde.edu
760-921-5552

Rapid Testing for students is available through the Human Resources department. Please call ahead to schedule a test with:

Cecy Garcia
Associate Vice President of Human Resources
cgarcia@paloverde.edu
760-921-5478

OUR COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS

Taking care of our students is at the center of everything we do, and as the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to impact our communities, we want you to know we have taken the following steps to ensure your safety on campus:

- Increased sterilization and regular cleaning of classrooms and campus facilities with EPA approved disinfectants.
- “Touch Free” Hand Sanitizer Dispensers throughout campus, including classrooms, for your convenience.
- Bipolar Ionization Systems have been installed campus-wide, serving as a filtration system for HVAC systems. These filter all particles, including breath droplets and dust particles.

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS, PLEASE FOLLOW THE SIGNS POSTED AROUND CAMPUS.

**PLEASE REPORT ANY SAFETY ISSUES OR CONCERNS TO:
Mario Hale at mario.hale@paloverde.edu or 760-921-5409**

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

HANDS:

Wash your hands with soap and clean running water for 20 seconds, rinse and dry well. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Hand Sanitizer can be found readily throughout campus.

SOCIAL DISTANCING:

In accordance with state and local mandates, fully vaccinated students are not required to socially distance. Unvaccinated students should maintain at least six (6) feet distance between themselves and anyone in the classroom or campus.

MASKS:

In accordance with state and local mandates, fully vaccinated students are not required to wear a mask, but may choose to continue wearing a mask. Unvaccinated students MUST have a mask on before entering buildings on campus.

PPE:

PPE such as masks, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes can be found in all buildings throughout campus. Student PPE kits are available in the Business Office, Human Resources Office, and CL125, while supplies last.



COMMUNITY VACCINATIONS

COVID-19 Vaccinations are available at:

- **Rite Aid**
616 E Hobsonway, Blythe, CA
(760) 922-9867
Offers: Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson
- **Blythe Mart Pharmacy** (*appointment required*)
301 W Hobsonway, Blythe, CA
(760) 922-3511
Offers: Moderna and Johnson & Johnson
- **Rite Aid**
1020 E Broadway St, Needles, CA
(760) 326-0222
Offers: Moderna and Pfizer
- **CVS Pharmacy, Inc**
4744 S Hwy 95, Fort Mohave, CA
(760) 326-0222
Offers: Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson

You can find the links to these places and more
at: <https://linktr.ee/paloverdecollege>
or scan the QR Code below

IF YOU SHOULD NEED ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT

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COVID-19 STUDENT SAFETY GUIDE

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