

October 25, 2022

Greetings Students,

With registration for Winter and Spring 2023 set to open in the coming weeks, we have important news to share regarding changes to the GCC vaccination policy and indoor mask requirements. The evolving nature of the pandemic requires the college to be flexible to protect the health and safety of the community while fulfilling our educational mission. Moving forward, additional changes to GCC's mask guidelines will rely on applicable health orders from Los Angeles County and the State of California. The college will continue to provide masks and COVID-19 vaccination/testing services, and strongly encourages everyone to get fully vaccinated for the health and safety of our community.

Changes in Vaccination Policy Beginning Winter 2023

Beginning in Winter 2023, the District will no longer require students to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to attend in-person classes or access in-person services. Those registering for classes for Winter and Spring 2023 will be able to do so regardless of their vaccination status. The original vaccination policy stay will stay in effect for the remainder of the Fall 2022 semester for those currently enrolled in in-person classes.

Changes in Mask Protocols Beginning in Winter 2023

Beginning in Winter 2023, unless otherwise required by public health regulations, masking indoors will no longer be mandatory at GCC. **HOWEVER**, some instructional faculty may continue to require masking in their classes, which will be clearly marked in the class schedule.

In addition, GCC employees may require masks during individual interactions that involve close contact with students, other employees, or members of the public. If an individual declines to wear a mask for these interactions they will be referred to another available employee for assistance, or to comparable onsite remote options. Any student who fails to comply with the new protocols will be subject to discipline in accordance with GCC regulations.

Changes in Mask Protocols for Fall 2022

For the remainder of the Fall 2022 semester, GCC will no longer require masking indoors with these exceptions:

- Indoor mask requirements will remain in effect for those attending in-person class sessions.
- Employees may continue to require others to wear masks when providing services involving close contact such as counseling, advising, or library assistance.
- Beginning Monday, October 31, 2022, employees may **opt-out** of this protocol and allow individuals not to wear masks during in-person classes, or during the types of close interactions described above.

We ask that you respect the wishes of individuals who require masking while in close contact. Intimidating and demeaning behavior will not be tolerated. Please lead with kindness and courtesy. More information regarding the vaccination policy and mask requirements can be found at glendale.edu/maskguidelines.

Sincerely,



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