
From: Bernadine Chuck Fong <fongbernadine@fhda.edu>
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To: foothill
Subject: FW: Important Updates for On-Campus Faculty and Staff

Hello, all,

Normally, I would like to be giving you information and an update on how we are moving the college forward with respect to the normal business of the college, like our students' academic progress, the beginning of our self-study for accreditation, updating our educational plans, the formulation of an improved governance model, and a look into the future. However, Covid manages to preempt much of this right now, as we are realizing, across the country, that we need to begin to learn how to live with Covid and it is not an easy transition. In the spirit of transparency, I want to be sure that everyone in the Foothill community is kept up to date. Thus, I want to pass on the email below that went to all faculty, particularly those who are teaching on campus, and we want to be sure that this information is also shared with staff who are student-facing on campus. I also want to thank the Foothill Cabinet, who took up the task of finding a source for more test kits (thank you, Laurie Scolari), and pooling their Pro Cards to purchase more tests as quickly as possible, as they were literally flying off shelves. They were ordered on Thursday and Laurie picked them up and brought them to campus this past Friday, so we are now in possession of considerably more tests while the district is purchasing an even larger number of kits for all of us. (I learned that some students were informed that they did not need to test for Covid because of the lack of tests, which is not accurate information). Kurt and Laurie will be sending out the procedures for how to access the tests and how they should be used and for whom. We are limiting the employee tests to those who might have experienced an exposure on campus, not in the community.

To be intentionally repetitive, we continue to adhere to the Santa Clara guidelines and not the more lenient CDC guidelines. I ask everyone to remain diligent in focusing on what our county is advising as there are many news stories swirling in the media, most of which do not apply to us. Some of you might have heard the local news about the county's K-12 districts maintaining in person classes on the advice of our country health officer, Sarah Cody, MD, who expressed concern about the academic progress and emotional health of students remaining remote. We remain consistent with that position.

Hopefully, my next email will have more for us to think about in moving Foothill forward in maintaining and strengthening our legacy of educational innovation and distinctiveness. Perhaps we can benefit from what we are learning from the educational impact Covid has had on all of us and our students and how can we become more adaptable and flexible to adversity in a more planful and less reactive way (which Covid has led us to be). Hope you will stay tuned.

Best regards,

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Subject: Important Updates for On-Campus Faculty

Dear Foothill Faculty,

As we adjust to the fluid Omicron situation, the college is continuing to provide transparency around our processes and keep faculty informed of our current protocols. Due to the number of students reporting exposures last week, our contact tracing team is backlogged in completing its current caseload. The college is actively seeking additional resources and staffing to improve the situation.

We have a few important updates for faculty. As we messaged you last week, please speak with your dean if you have questions or concerns regarding your in-person classes. Please keep a seating chart to help the contact tracing team should a case be reported in your class. In addition, remind students to wear their masks at all times while on campus. For faculty and staff, surgical and KN95 masks are available in your division office. Please also be sure to enforce the daily health assessment (green badges) for students.

COVID-19 Tests: We have antigen tests that will be available on campus for students/faculty/staff that were exposed to anyone **on campus** who might have tested positive for Covid-19.

- **Students:** Students who were exposed to a COVID-positive individual while on campus will be able to pick up a free antigen test at Student Health Services during normal business hours. For questions regarding antigen tests for students, please contact covidquestions@fhda.edu.
- **Faculty & Staff:** We will send out information on Monday, January 10 regarding the process and times you can pick up the tests. These tests will be available to faculty and staff that are currently working on campus.

Quarantine Guidelines: There are two different sets of guidelines with regards to quarantine, one from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and another from Santa Clara County health department. Our campus complies with Santa Clara County guidelines which are stricter than the CDC guidelines.

For more information on quarantine and testing requirements being followed, see the January 3, 2022 Santa Clara County guidelines: <https://covid19.sccgov.org/contact-tracing>

Thank you for your ongoing patience and flexibility as we continue to monitor and adapt to the rapidly changing situation. The health and safety of our college is of the utmost importance, and we will continue to be transparent with our procedures as we respond to Santa Clara County guidelines.

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