

College of San Mateo
Safety Committee Meeting
 Agenda
 Thursday, October 27, 2022
 2:00 PM 2:30 PM

ZOOM Meeting link:

<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/82805419234?pwd=SFJsdFB0Wm5qUmdSemJ2VUVPOXJWZz09>

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Item #	Item	Lead (s)	Attachments	Time	Action
1.	Welcome and Introduction	Carla Grandy	None	2 Min.	Action
2.	Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items	Committee Members & Guests	None	5-10 Min.	Information
3.	Reports and Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities • Earthquake Drill • District Health & Safety 	Robert Gutierrez Ben Zara Minkin Ray Hernandez	None None Attached	10 Min.	Information
4.	Preliminary Agenda Items for November 17, 2022 Meeting	All	None	5 Min.	Information
5.	Adjourn	Carla Grandy	None	1 Min.	Action

The Campus Safety Committee meeting schedule for FY 2022-23 is as follows:

2022	2023
Thursday, July 28	Thursday, January 26
Thursday, August 25	Thursday, February 23
Thursday, September 22	Thursday, March 23
Thursday, October 27	Thursday, April 27
Thursday, November 17*	Thursday, May 25
Thursday, December 15*	Thursday, June 22

*Moved to the 3rd Thursday due to a holiday.

CSM Safety Committee Website: <https://collegeofsanmateo.edu/emergency/safetycommittee.asp>

From: [Hernandez, Raymond](#)
To: [Roman-Amaro, Luz](#); [Djedi, Anthony](#)
Subject: COVID-19 Health Officer Update CSM 10/27/2022
Date: Thursday, October 27, 2022 10:38:44 AM
Attachments: [SMCCCD Board Recommendation to Suspend Vaccination Policy 2.90.pdf](#)

I'm at a Consumer Affairs Strategic Planning Board meeting today in Sacramento. Sorry I am unable to attend today's CSM Health and Safety meeting. Here is my summary:

- Per [CDC tracking website](#), San Mateo County COVID-19 transmission continue to trend low (70.18 per 100,000). We continue to maintain in the green. There have been reports of new variants and with the winter season around the corner, we more than likely see a trend upward. The SMCCCD mask mandate continues to be in effect. As per SMCCCD policy, masks will be required indoors should the level move to yellow and/or orange.
- The San Mateo County Community College District Board of Trustees has suspended the COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement policy (BP 2.90) and no longer requires COVID-19 vaccination documentation or medical/religious exemptions for any individuals wishing to access district facilities. Employees, students, and the public may access district facilities regardless of vaccination status. Effective today, students will no longer need to provide vaccination documentation in order to register for in-person classes or services. Messaging will go out from the district PIO this week. Note that the district will continue to provide free masks and antigen tests. We are working on a robust education campaign to emphasize current strategies for managing the COVID-19 environment. The board recommendation is attached.
- Continued vaccination updated boosters continue to be a primary strategy for mitigating severe disease. The district continues to partner with the county to offer access at our campuses:
Nov 9 – Canada College, Nov 23 – CSM 12-4 pm. Link below provides an informational flyer and how to register through <https://myturn.ca.gov/>
<https://smccd.edu/return-to-campus/vaccine-info.php>

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TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Michael Claire, Chancellor

RECOMMENDATION TO SUSPEND BOARD POLICY 2.90 COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

The Board adopted *Board Policy 2.90 Covid Vaccination Requirement (BP2.90)* in July 2021 and revised the policy in November 2021 to allow for religious exemptions for students. The District developed *Administrative Procedure 2.90.1 (AP2.90.1)* to operationalize BP 2.90.

The policy was originally developed to mitigate the risk of spread of COVID on our campuses and at our District. Much has changed regarding COVID since the policy was initially developed in July 2021. Most significantly, with the advent ever-changing variants, vaccinations are less effective at mitigating the spread of COVID, but remain highly effective at preventing serious illness. In addition, the following points are pertinent to the discussion regarding the consideration to suspend Board Policy 2.90:

1. Most individuals are vaccinated and/or have contracted COVID-19 thereby increasing immunity in our community.
2. There is no procedural differentiation (masking & surveillance testing) between vaccinated and exemption (unvaccinated) students on campus. Exemption students who are unvaccinated are allowed to attend in person classes and services. However, per policy, unvaccinated students without an exemption are barred from accessing these in-person classes and services. This provides an inequity for our students.
3. New variants continue to evolve which complicates the ability of vaccinations to prevent the spread of COVID.
4. National and state public health guidance have moved from mandatory directives to education and guidance to support individual agency and responsibility.
5. San Mateo County is a highly vaccinated community with approximately 74% of primary vaccinated over 18 years of age receiving a first booster.
6. Students have been negatively impacted in their ability to enroll and register for in person classes and services (unvaccinated, students having difficulty navigating the procedures for submitting vaccination documentation, completing and submitting exemption documentation, or navigating the procedures surround the vaccination policy). Student data regarding vaccinated status since January 2022 is as follows:
 - - 28,902 students have registered since January 2022 (unduplicated headcount)
 - Of the 28,902 registered students, 19,572 students completed the attestation process for access to in-person instruction and student services.
 - 9,330 either attested “not vaccinated” OR did not participate in attestation process are approved to only register for online instruction and virtual student services.
7. Our campuses are open to the general public and it is impossible to monitor the vaccinated status all who visit our campuses for events and other reasons—meaning that it is likely that unvaccinated individuals are on our campuses every day, and they are not barred from the use of our facilities. Again, this creates an inequity for our unvaccinated students.
8. The District has successfully implemented its COVID mitigation plan. Mitigation measures include improved building ventilation and assessment of classroom and work spaces, free N95 masks at all building entrances, a masking policy that is responsive to current community spread conditions, access to free antigen testing, and variety of informational resources for students and employees.

Given the change in conditions since BP 2.90 was first developed, the chancellor consulted with faculty, classified, and administrative leaders, and Student Trustee Ta to form an ad-hoc committee. The charge of the committee was to review Board Policy 2.90 for relevancy, as well as the equitable impact on all students and employees, and to recommend a course of action that reflects the most recent policies and thinking on COVID at a local, state, and national level.

The ad-hoc committee has met and has reported the following to the chancellor:

"The Ad-Hoc committee to review the District Covid-19 Vaccination Requirement, Board Policy 2.90, agreed by consensus to recommend the suspension of this policy.

The committee's commitment to the continuing health and safety of students and employees urges the Board of Trustees to commit continued resources aimed at the following:

*Development and implementation of a robust SMCCCD community COVID-19 education campaign to include emphasis of all CDC identified strategies.
Availability of free COVID-19 antigen testing and N95 masks.
Collaboration with SMC Department of Public Health to provide continued vaccination clinics across the district.
Assessment and optimization of ventilation in all SMCCCD indoor spaces."*

The chancellor concurs with the recommendations of ad-hoc committee and commends the leadership of the AFT, the Academic Senate, the CSEA, the Classified Senates at each college, and Chancellor's Cabinet for their rapid response in appointing members to the ad-hoc committee. Furthermore, the chancellor commends the ad-hoc committee for its thoughtful work. It was important to expedite this work because registration for the Spring 2023 semester begins in early November.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board suspend Board Policy 2.90- Covid Vaccination Requirement and the related Administrative Procedure 2.90.1 effective immediately.