



# The Bulldog bulletin

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A Biweekly CSM Student E-Newsletter

## Verify Your Vaccination Status for Summer 2022 Registration



SAN MATEO COUNTY  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE DISTRICT

Confirm your vaccination status, or apply for an exemption, to get access to all classes, labs, and services this summer and fall.

**Click here for instructions.**

For students who plan to register for in-person, hybrid, or hyflex courses, or any on-campus programming or services, you will be required to submit proof of your COVID-19 vaccination or apply for an exemption prior to registering, if you have not done so already.

The **deadline to verify your vaccination status for early registration is April 12, 2022, for Summer 2022** courses.

Please visit the [Return to Campus website](#) for instructions on how to verify your vaccination status or apply for an exemption. In addition, there is a [FAQ Page](#) with detailed information on all types of questions relating to a return to being in-person and on campus.

## Summer & Fall '22 Now on WebSchedule

Search by Keywords

☐ Spring 2022 ☐ Summer 2022 ☒ Fall 2022

Keywords (example: Course Title, Dept., Course #, CRN, Instructor)

Q All

Q Open Classes

☐ Cañada ☒ CSM ☐ Skyline

Students can now browse available classes in [WebSchedule](#) for the upcoming summer and fall 2022 semesters. Registration for summer 2022 is open to all on April 19, and fall 2022 registration opens to all on May 18.

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### IMPORTANT DATES

**Priority Registration for Summer 2022 Courses Opens**  
Tuesday, April 12

**Flex Day - No Classes**  
Thursday, April 21

**Last Day to Withdraw from Semester-Long Spring Classes**  
Thursday, April 28

**View ASCSM  
Agendas & Minutes**

## Our Ancestors are Calling Us

College of San Mateo will host a special printmaking exhibit by Jhovany Rodriguez de Ala throughout April and May. The exhibit will kick off with a special reception and artist talk on Wednesday, April 13. Come and experience the beautiful art by Jhovany Rodriguez de Ala, whose prints and mixed media work is inspired by Mexican folk art, history, and mythology.

### **Printmaking Exhibit by Jhovany Rodriguez de Ala - 'Our Ancestors are Calling Us'**

Wednesday, April 13 - Friday, May 20

10:00 am - 7:00 pm (CSM's [Library Hours](#))

College of San Mateo Library, Building 9

### **Artist Talk and Opening Reception by Jhovany Rodriguez de Ala - 'Our Ancestors are Calling Us'**

Wednesday, April 13

1 - 2:15 pm

College of San Mateo Library, Building 9



# Become a Campus Leader!

Registration for the ASCSM Spring 2022 General Election is now open! The deadline to register is Thursday, April 14, at 11:59 pm.

If you are interested in leadership, making a change on campus, and planning events and activities, you should run for student government. No experience is necessary. Offices available are:

- ASCSM President
- ASCSM Vice President
- ASCSM Finance Director
- ASCSM Senator – 13 positions
- CSM Nominee for SMCCCD Student Trustee

More information, the candidate packet, and the online registration form are available on the [ASCSM Elections webpage](#).

In addition, please be sure to visit the [ASCSM Facebook page](#) and [Instagram account](#) for updates on the election as well as events and activities that we will be sponsoring throughout the rest of the spring semester.

Please contact the CSM Center for Student Life at [csmstudentlife@smccd.edu](mailto:csmstudentlife@smccd.edu) with any questions.



# April Transfer Services Workshops & Events

## April University Representative Visits:

- **University of California, Berkeley**
- **University of California, Davis**
- **University of California, Santa Barbara**
- **California State University, East Bay**
- **San Francisco State University**
- **Menlo College** (Table in Bayview Dining Room – Bldg. 10)
- **Notre Dame de Namur University** (Table in Bayview Dining Room – Bldg. 10)
- **University of San Francisco** (Table in Bayview Dining Room – Bldg. 10)



To view specific details and virtual links for Spring 2022 Transfer Services activities, please visit the [Transfer Services Event Calendar](#).

## Upcoming Transfer Club Meetings and Workshops:

### Transfer Club Meeting

*How to be a Competitive Transfer Applicant Workshop*

Wednesday, April 6

12:10 - 1:00 pm

Building 10, Room 340 (check-in at Counseling Front Desk) or join via [Zoom](#)

### Transfer Club Meeting

Wednesday, April 20

12:10 - 1:00 pm

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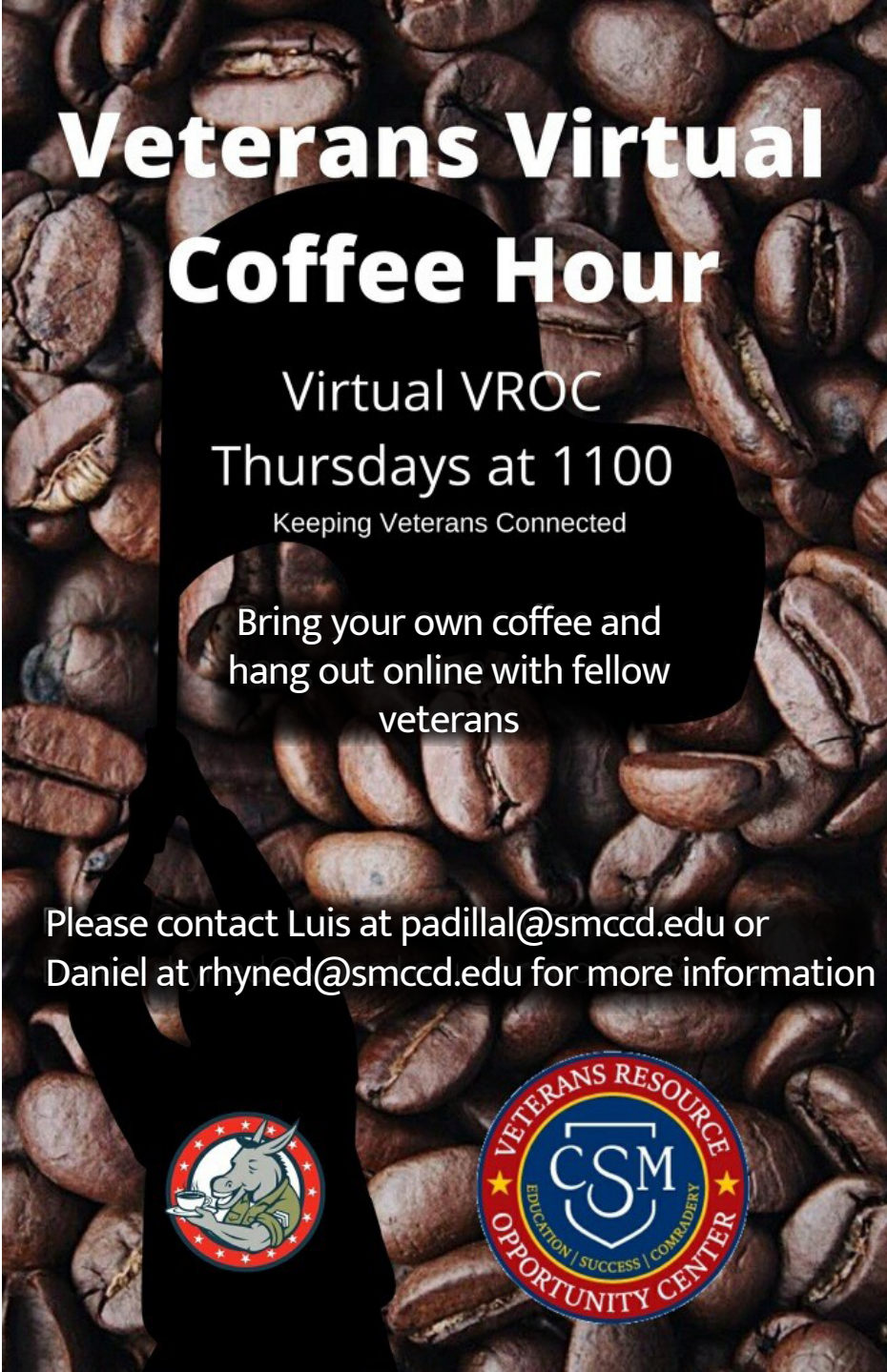




## Veterans Virtual Coffee Hour

Student veterans are invited to join the Veterans Resource and Opportunity Center (VROC) every Thursday morning at 1100 (11:00 am) for a virtual coffee hour.

For more information and zoom link, contact [Luis Padilla](#) or [Daniel Rhyne](#).



A poster for the Veterans Virtual Coffee Hour. The background is a close-up of dark brown coffee beans. Overlaid on the beans is a black silhouette of a person sitting in a chair, holding a coffee cup. The text is white and centered. At the bottom, there are two circular logos: one on the left featuring a cartoon donkey holding a coffee cup, and one on the right for the Veterans Resource and Opportunity Center (VROC) at CSM.

# Veterans Virtual Coffee Hour

Virtual VROC  
Thursdays at 1100  
Keeping Veterans Connected

Bring your own coffee and  
hang out online with fellow  
veterans


Please contact Luis at [padilla@smccd.edu](mailto:padilla@smccd.edu) or  
Daniel at [rhyne@smccd.edu](mailto:rhyne@smccd.edu) for more information




## Upcoming Science-In-Action Virtual Speaker Series

**Wed. Apr 6, 5–6 pm**

**Stanford Medicine Mackall Lab Presents:**  
**Engaging Community College Students in STEM Research**



**Sneha Ramakrishna, M.D.**  
Stanford University School  
of Medicine



**Anya Alag**  
Life Science Research Professional  
Stanford University

### **Stanford Grad Students Present: Engaging Community College Students in STEM Research Featuring Sneha Ramakrishna, M.D. and Anya Alag**

Sneha Ramakrishna, M.D., is an Instructor of Pediatrics in the Division of Hematology and Oncology at Stanford University. Dr. Ramakrishna obtained her B.A. from the University of Chicago and her M.D. from the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University. She completed her residency training in Pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and her fellowship in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the Johns Hopkins/National Cancer Institute combined program. Her clinical and research work focuses on developing new treatments to cure children with cancer by training their immune system to find and kill the cancer cells utilizing chimeric antigen receptor T cells (CAR-Ts). By understanding the biology of what happens to patients when they receive CAR-T therapies, she is identifying mechanisms of CAR-T failure or success in patients and using that knowledge to develop ways to optimize CAR-T therapies for future patients.

Anya Alag is currently a Life Science Research Professional in the Mackall Lab. She graduated from UCLA in 2020, majoring in Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics. Originally from Washington, DC, Anya has been involved in immunology research since high school and will be starting medical school in the fall. Anya initially was interested in pursuing a career as a pediatric oncologist but is now open to other career options as well, with a goal of focusing on the mitigation of health disparities. Recognizing the inaccessibility of medical education to a wide variety of demographics, Anya hopes to provide more information regarding the medical school application process to those who don't have direct access to a career counselor.

### **Virtual Spring 2022 Science-in-Action Speaker Series**

*Stanford Grad Students Present: Engaging Community College Students in STEM Research*

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 • 5 - 6 pm

[Register for the Science-in-Action Speaker Series Event](#)



# Send Silence Packing

Send Silence Packing is a visually striking exhibit that includes personal stories from individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide and is designed to connect individuals to mental health resources and inspire action for suicide prevention.

You are invited to walk among the Send Silence Packing backpacks to see the photographs and read the stories attached to them. See the below flyer for event details and specifics.

## SEND *silence* PACKING®



### WHEN & WHERE

**College of San Mateo**  
Throughout campus lawns

**Wednesday**  
**April 6, 2022**  
**9am-4pm**

Active Minds is the nation's premier nonprofit organization supporting mental health awareness and education for young adults. Active Minds has a presence at more than 800 campuses, schools, communities, and workplaces nationwide. The organization is dedicated to ending the silence and changing the conversation about mental health for everyone.

To learn more, visit [activeminds.org](http://activeminds.org).

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To learn more:

[activeminds.org/sendsilencepacking](http://activeminds.org/sendsilencepacking)

To explore the virtual experience:

[activeminds.org/backpacks](http://activeminds.org/backpacks)

Send Silence Packing is being brought back to our campus through the generosity of ASCSM, Active Minds @ CSM, and Personal Counseling & Wellness Services.



## Study Abroad in London This Fall!

Don't miss your chance to study for a semester in London this fall semester! The program lasts from September 8 through December 9, 2022. Priority applications are due on April 15, and general applications are due on June 15.

Courses offered in London are in the following areas of study; Business, Art, Humanities, English, and Biology. To learn more, reach out to Professor [Lale Yurtseven](#).

### In-Person Study Abroad in London Information Session

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

12:30 - 1:30 pm

Building 10, Room 468

[Register Now](#)



## Volunteer Opportunities



### CSM Emergency Food Distribution

Every Friday, College of San Mateo partners with Second Harvest of Silicon Valley for an emergency food distribution operation on our campus. Since April 2020, SMCCD has provided 6,105,057 pounds of food for 119,707 families offsetting \$10,928,052 in grocery costs. These food distributions have become a lifeline for our local community. We are currently seeking additional volunteers on Fridays to help with this incredible operation. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out our [Food Drive Volunteer Sign-Up Form](#).





# Instructions on How to Verify Your Vaccination Status for Summer 2022 Registration

**Complete the vaccination documentation process by following the instructions below:**

STEP 1: [Log into Websmart](#) and select the Student Services tab

STEP 2: Click on “COVID-19 Vaccination” link at the top of the page and select one of the options below:

STEP 3: Select one of the following:

## **“Fully Vaccinated”**

Enter requested vaccine information AND upload a digital copy (jpeg, tiff, or pdf) of vaccination card or California digital vaccination record. International students should provide documentation that is translated into English.

Full vaccination is defined as 2 weeks (14 days) post completing a COVID-19 vaccination series (2 doses for Pfizer and Moderna OR single dose Johnson & Johnson Janssen). You may submit documentation once dose(s) have been completed and prior to the 14-day elapse time. International students qualify as vaccinated if they have obtained [any World Health Organization \(WHO\) approved COVID-19 vaccine](#).

## **“Request a Medical Exemption”**

If you are seeking a Medical Exemption, complete the following form prior to attesting in Websmart:

Medical Exemption Form: [English](#) [Mandarin](#) [Spanish](#) [Tagalog](#)

Only active licensed Medical Providers (Medical Doctor – M.D. or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine – D.O.) can provide exemption documentation.

## **“Request a Religious Exemption”**

If you are seeking a Religious Exemption, complete the following form prior to attesting in Websmart:

Religious Exemption Form: [English](#) [Mandarin](#) [Spanish](#) [Tagalog](#)

Notes:

- Upload fully completed forms and any supporting documents. Incomplete submissions will not be reviewed.
- Approved medical and religious exemption individuals will be required to perform weekly COVID-19 testing and wear face coverings while indoors in campus buildings.

## **“Will not be Vaccinated/Decline to State/Not yet fully Vaccinated”**

If you choose not to be vaccinated, decline to state, or are not yet fully vaccinated\*\*, you will be restricted to only register for online courses and receive virtual and remote support services. You may not access any campus building or engage in any in-person activities associated with the San Mateo County Community College District.



# Get Your COVID-19 Booster

The Centers for Disease Control and San Mateo County Health strongly recommend (but do not require) COVID-19 booster vaccinations to increase the effectiveness of normal waning immunity over time. The recent emergence of the Omicron variant further emphasizes the importance of immunization, boosters, and prevention efforts needed to protect against COVID-19. Here are guidelines for booster eligibility:



## Age 18+

A booster dose of choice if the minimum time has passed since completing the primary vaccine series:

- Pfizer or Moderna - Received the second dose at least 5 months ago
- Johnson & Johnson - Received single dose at least 2 months ago

It is recommended that if you received a Johnson & Johnson vaccine, you strongly consider a Pfizer or Moderna booster.

## Ages 12-17

- Pfizer - Received the second dose at least 5 months ago

Individuals who recently contracted COVID-19 need only wait 10 days after their positive test before getting their booster shot. Booster vaccinations continue to train the immune system to protect against severe disease from future COVID-19 infections.

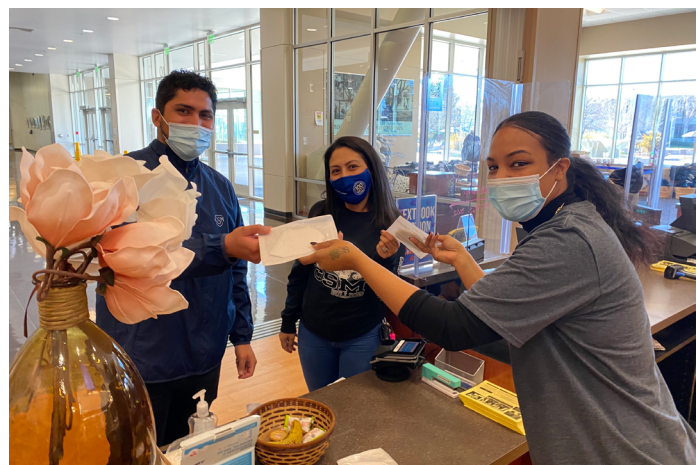
## Where can you get your booster shot?

- Your medical provider
- [College of San Mateo Vaccination Clinic](#)
- Your local CVS Pharmacy

You can also visit [MyTurn](#) to get a complete list of booster/vaccination providers.

# Face Coverings (Masks)

SMCCCD continues to make face coverings (masks) available to all students. Face coverings are still required when indoors (unless actively eating or drinking), and free surgical masks are located at various locations throughout all buildings. Additionally, KN95 respirators (masks) are available for free throughout campus buildings. Finally, here is a helpful [USA Today Article](#) on reusing and storing your KN95 or N95 mask.



## Free COVID-19 Testing

Free PCR testing is now available for employees, students, and the broader community via the District's partnership with [COVID Clinic](#).

COVID Clinic testing sites are operating at Cañada College, College of San Mateo, and Skyline College Monday – Friday. You can make an appointment via the [COVID Clinic Testing website](#) or visit the [District's COVID-19 Testing webpage](#) for more information.

**FREE  
COVID TESTING**

Every home in the USA can order up to **8 free at-home antigen COVID-19 tests**. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship within 7-12 days. Please visit [this government website](#) to order your free tests today.

## Upcoming Campus Vaccination Pop-Up Clinics

College of San Mateo parking Lot B (formerly known as Beethoven, Lot 2) will be hosting a COVID-19 Vaccination Pop-Up Clinic. Please refer to the flyer on the right for specific information on dates and times. To make an appointment, please visit the [state vaccination website](#).

**FREE Drive-Thru**  
*San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD)*  
**COVID-19 VACCINATION  
POP-UP CLINIC**

**College of San Mateo, Beethoven Lot 2**  
**TUESDAYS | 12 - 4 p.m.**

**APR  
5**

**APR  
26**


**MAY  
17**

**REGISTER AT**  
**[myturn.ca.gov](#)**

**MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!**  
**1** Visit **[myturn.ca.gov](#)**  
**2** Click on "*Make an Appointment*"  
**3** When asked for address, enter *College of San Mateo*

- Open to students, employees, and community members
- Reservation preferred but no one turned down
- Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines will be available for first series shots
- Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine available for boosters
- 12-17 Years Old: parental permission required through registration process
- Face covering required

For more information, visit:  
**[bit.ly/freevax22](#)**

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