

RESOLUTION 21-05
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE MT. SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GRANTING AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP A VACCINATION/COVID-19 TESTING PROGRAM
TO FACILITATE THE PROTECTION OF FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS WHO
PARTICIPATE IN ON-CAMPUS COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19 and recognition of the unprecedented public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Board of Trustees of the Mt. San Antonio Community College District adopted Resolution 19-20, declaring an emergency condition and delegating authority to the President/CEO to take any and all actions necessary to ensure the continuation of public education and the health and safety of the faculty, staff, and students of the College; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2020, the University of California Board of Regents issued a SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccination Program Policy mandating vaccinations for personnel, students, and trainees who physically access a university facility or program; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2021, California case rates had sufficiently stabilized to the point that most of the state economy reopened, in large part due to the equitable availability of safe and effective vaccines; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order No. N-09-21, which implements new State Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) rules requiring employers to take specific measures to protect employees from COVID-19 and to verify and document that an employee is fully vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2021, Governor Newsom announced an initiative to combat community transmission of the highly contagious Delta variant, requiring all state workers and health care workers to either show proof of vaccination or submit to COVID-19 testing at least once per week; and

WHEREAS, also on July 26, 2021, the California Public Health Officer Dr. Tomas J. Aragon ordered that public and private health care facilities implement policies to verify the vaccination status of employees or require bi-weekly testing, in recognition of the fact that unvaccinated persons are more likely to get infected and spread the virus; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2021, the California State University Chancellor's Office issued a COVID-19 Vaccination Interim Policy mandating vaccinations for both employees and students at any in-person program or activity operated or controlled by any CSU campus; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2021, the California Public Health Officer Dr. Tomas J. Aragon ordered that all public and private schools serving students in transitional kindergarten through grade 12 implement policies to verify the vaccination status of employees or require weekly testing, in order to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 in K-12 schools; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom encouraged all local government employers to adopt a protocol to combat the spread of COVID-19 and protect vulnerable communities similar to that announced for state employees, requiring personnel to submit proof of vaccination or submit to surveillance testing; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees finds that requiring employees and students who enter College facilities to be vaccinated is necessary to ensure the health and safety of the College community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that consistent with recommendations and directives from the State of California, and in order to facilitate the protection of faculty, staff, and students, the Board of Trustees directs the President/CEO and/or designee to take any and all actions necessary to develop and implement a COVID-19 vaccine and testing program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the COVID-19 vaccine/testing program will be effective for College faculty and staff as soon as practicable, to include the following: 1) vaccine verification; 2) testing of unvaccinated individuals; and 3) campaign and promotion of vaccination clinics; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the COVID-19 vaccine/testing program will be effective for College students as soon as practicable for the Fall 2021 semester, to include the following: 1) vaccine verification; 2) testing of unvaccinated individuals; and 3) campaign and promotion of vaccination clinics; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that effective with the Winter 2022 Intersession, students will be required to be vaccinated for COVID-19 or participate in weekly testing if authorized for an exemption based on medical or sincerely held religious belief from vaccination to engage in on-campus activities. Online students who are unvaccinated may come to campus for limited circumstances utilizing designated areas and appropriate control measures, with appointments where practicable, in each area, such as picking up a loaner laptop or quick transactions in Student Services or the Library;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the mask mandate as outlined in the LA County Department of Public Health Health Officer Order of July 17, 2021, will remain in place until the end of the Fall semester; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President/CEO and/or designee shall have the authority to amend the vaccine/testing program as necessary based on the evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and recommendations from federal, state, and local public health authorities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Mt. San Antonio Community College District hereby directs that the time period of this resolution be from August 13, 2021, through the conclusion of the 2021-22 academic year, unless extended by action of the Board of Trustees in a regularly scheduled meeting. The President/CEO shall report on the progress of the

implementation of this Resolution at each regularly scheduled Board Meeting for the duration of this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted on the 13th day of August 2021, at a Special Meeting of the Mt. San Antonio Community College District Board of Trustees.

AYES: Baca, Chen, Chen Haggerty, Chow, P. Hidalgo, R. Hidalgo, Santos

NOES: None

Jay F. Chen
Board President