

MOU COVID-19 Adjustments to Campus Instruction and Service

WHEREAS the District and the Part-time Faculty Association recognize the concerns expressed by the part-time faculty and have a common interest in providing safe working conditions as well as meeting the needs of students.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District and the Part-time Faculty Association agree to the following:

This memorandum is agreed between Allan Hancock Joint Community College District (District) and the Part-time Faculty Association/California Federation of Teachers Local 6185 concerning the impacts and effects of the return to classroom instruction and onsite services under Covid-19.

The District and PFA/CFT recognize the changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic. As the public health guidance for COVID-19 safety and prevention continue to develop and mature, the District and PFA/CFT recognize the ongoing need to adapt operations and protocols to meet current conditions and reflect the current understanding.

Amidst these changing conditions, the District and PFA/CFT affirm the importance of maintaining safe facilities and operations for the benefit of the students and communities served by the District as well as its faculty and staff. We recognize the importance of prudent measures to prevent District employees, students, their families, or other people using District facilities from being exposed to or infected with coronavirus. Care should be taken to identify potential exposure and prevent the spread of the disease. We agree that continuity of District operations should be maintained, and provisions should be made for District employees who are impacted by the pandemic.

To these ends, the District and PFA/CFT agree as follows:

1. Safety and Training:

The District shall follow the Allan Hancock College Pandemic Response Plan related to safety and training, with the understanding the plan is a living document subject to change with or without notice as Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance evolves for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. The District will alert PFA/CFT to changes in the Response Plan when they occur. If the changes are within the scope of bargaining as defined by government code 3543.2, contract, or the conditions outlined in this MOU, the District and PFA/CFT shall meet to bargain the impact on bargaining unit members. Should the District develop a policy or procedure related to COVID-19 that does not currently exist in the Pandemic Response Plan, the District shall provide that information to PFA/CFT. The plan and all updates will be posted on the District's COVID resources website at <https://www.hancockcollege.edu/covid/>. CDC guidance for Colleges and Universities can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/index.html>.

The District will continue to provide training to bargaining-unit employees on COVID-19 information and prevention.

Some specific protocols that relate to part-time faculty and students in the classroom are as follows:

- a) Part-time Faculty and students will be required to wear a face covering at all times in the classrooms and will be provided a face covering if they do not have one.
 - i. Part-time Faculty with medical exemptions to face coverings must work with the Human Resources Department for accommodations.
 - ii. Student failure to wear a face covering is a disciplinary issue: part-time faculty are responsible to ask student not following this rule to don covering or leave the classroom.
- b) The District will provide a safety and prevention video. The video will be available online for students to view before attending classes. In addition, part-time faculty may show it in class and or provide a link to the video on Canvas and/or in the course syllabus.
- c) Students and part-time faculty are asked to complete a COVID-19 self-screening prior to entering the class site; if they fail the screening, they agree not to attend class in person.
- d) Students and part-time faculty must adhere to the guidelines for social distancing that are active at the time, as approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- e) All campus personnel will follow the [quarantine protocols](#) identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that are active at the time of their exposure to COVID-19¹.
- f) While part-time faculty are not required to solicit information from students about exposure or infection, part-time faculty should report student-disclosed exposure or infection information to this email address: covidresponseteam@hancockcollege.edu or extension 3318.
- g) Part-time Faculty are being asked to strongly consider vaccination.

2. Facilities

The District agrees to follow the Allan Hancock College Pandemic Response Plan with regard to the use and cleaning of all public spaces.

Some specific facilities protocols that relate to instruction are as follows:

- a) High touch surfaces and shared objects will be cleaned daily². For protocols related to cleaning of classrooms and facilities, see Section 2.K. of the Pandemic Response Plan, Cleaning Disinfecting, and Prevention Protocols.
- b) All classrooms will have safety and prevention signage.
- c) Classroom capacities will reflect the state guidelines that are active at the time.
- d) The District will provide appropriate ventilation in every instructional space, MERV filtration will be upgraded as possible, and each classroom will be assessed to maximize air exchange and ventilation. This may include freestanding HEPA filtration as needed.
- e) Cleaning supplies will be available in each classroom.

3. Leaves and Accommodations

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>

² <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>

The district shall follow state and federal obligations regarding leaves of absence for reasons related to COVID-19, and in accommodating employees with disabilities.

The district shall provide access to 80 hours of supplemental paid sick leave in accordance with California State Senate Bill 95 (SB95) for COVID-19 qualifying events through September 30, 2021 unless legislatively extended.

Part-time Faculty who are absent from service or instruction for reasons not related to COVID-19 must use their personal leave balances or be unpaid.

Accommodations for Dependent Care

The District shall follow state and federal obligations regarding dependent care. Employees may use existing forms of leave to address a childcare provider or school emergency affecting their children.

The District shall provide access to 80 hours of supplemental paid sick leave in accordance with California State Senate Bill 95 (SB95) for COVID-19 qualifying events through September 30, 2021 unless legislatively extended.

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4. Reporting Unsafe Conditions

In the interest of protecting community and workplace health, any employee shall report, in writing, any unsafe condition in the working environment to their immediate supervisor.

All employees shall have the right, without retaliation, to request reasonable workplace accommodations should working conditions be considered unsafe. Employees shall notify their supervisor in writing of such request, and the basis therefore in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement Article 9. Employees may be assigned to complete alternate work if available, or work under modified conditions as directed until conditions are made safe for the completion of the original assignment, provided modification reasonably addresses safety concern(s).

If a part-time faculty member is told by a student that they have contracted COVID-19 or were in recent close contact with someone who has, the part-time faculty member is asked to report this information to Human Resources using this email contact:

covidresponseteam@hancockcollege.onmicrosoft.com or extension 3318

5. Course Modality Selection

1. Part-time instructional faculty, in collaboration with their dean, will choose the modality of their spring 2022 courses. Part-time Faculty are requested to choose modality based on pedagogical considerations.
2. Modalities to be offered will include

- in-person (traditional face to face)
 - Synchronous Hybrid: Simultaneous face to face and live online (synchronous online), also known as “room and Zoom”; this choice comes with an additional stipend of \$500 per unit.
 - Requests for live online (synchronous online, previously known as “ERT”) will be considered on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the Vice President of Academic Affairs, and with human resources where appropriate.
3. Courses scheduled as asynchronous online (traditional DL, or distance learning) will remain as such and are not eligible for modality change.
 4. The equipment to support the “room and Zoom” modality will be identified by the part-time faculty member.
 5. Part-time Faculty who teach in any modality other than face to face may receive DE training.
6. **Evaluation**

All part-time faculty will continue to be evaluated using the criteria in article 13.

7. **Information and Further Negotiation:** The parties acknowledge that the guidance from Public Health and other government agencies has been and continues to be fluid. The District will inform PFA/CFT of any changes in operations that reasonably affect terms and conditions of employment, including occupational health and safety.
8. **Compliance with further governmental orders:** The District shall comply with local, state and federal Executive Orders related to COVID-19.

Duration of Agreement: This agreement shall remain in effect through spring 2022 and shall become effective upon ratification by the parties.

This agreement establishes no precedent.

For the PFA/CFT

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