Rancho Santiago Community College District
BOARD POLICY
Chapter 5
Student Services

BP 5215 COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement for Students

Reference(s):

BP 5210 Communicable Disease

The Rancho Santiago Community College District (the “District”) is committed to protect the health and well-being of our campus community while ensuring equitable access to education for our students and as part of our community. As the District moves towards a resumption of increased on-campus learning and support environment, collective collaboration, and community activities, the District must align itself to a comprehensive strategy crafted to reduce the likelihood of the COVID-19 virus transmission. This proactive approach lends itself to the overall public health goal of reaching population-level immunity.

Recognizing the available science to date regarding the safety and effectiveness of available COVID-19 vaccinations, the Board authorizes the Chancellor to develop a plan in requiring all students who access on-site campus/district programs in person or who participate in off-site district/college services in person to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 unless approved as exempt because of verified medical or religious. Those exempted from the vaccination may be subjected to other safety measures. Students will be provided eight weeks of notice prior to the date the mandate becomes effective.

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