Dear Ohlone Community,

Effective July 1, 2021, I am adopting the recommendations from our Return To Campus Chairs group. A summary is below:

**OUTDOORS USE OF FACE COVERING AND PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

Effective July 1, 2021, all employees, whether fully vaccinated or not, do not need to wear face coverings when outdoors. Fully vaccinated employees can forego the physical distancing requirements (6 feet apart) when outdoors. Unvaccinated employees can also forego physical distancing outdoors, but it is recommended that they wear a face covering.

*Employees who are not fully vaccinated may request respirators for voluntary use from Ohlone at no cost and without fear of retaliation.*

*Note: Face coverings are required for all employees, students and visitors while indoors.*

**COVID-19 TESTING AND QUARANTINING:**

Fully vaccinated employees do not need to be tested* or quarantined after close contacts with COVID-19 cases unless they have symptoms. Employees who are fully vaccinated should continue to report if they have been exposed to COVID-19, but they will no longer be excluded from the workplace or required to be tested unless they develop symptoms. Prior regulations required that the employee quarantine for 10 days (depending on vaccination status). Procedures for unvaccinated employees who have close contact with COVID-19 cases will follow testing and quarantining requirements that are currently in place.

*Note that surveillance testing (which is different than the testing referred to above) will continue for fully vaccinated and unvaccinated employees until further notice. Testing is available on-site on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM*

**USE OF EQUIPMENT:**

Employees are able to use shared equipment such as coffee pots, microwaves, refrigerators, copiers, etc. Care should still be used by wiping after use. Water dispensers removed from offices for safety reasons can now be replaced. Bathrooms protocols that included reduced number of sinks and stalls can now be used without limitations.

The college will continue to provide disinfectant/sanitization supplies in all common areas, plexi-barriers in areas where there is face-to-face transactions or interactions and will keep monitoring the ventilations systems. Daily Health Check-in procedures remain the same.

The RTC group will continue to meet and provide me with recommendations and updates as we transition to being fully back on campus. So far, approximately 75% of our staff and managers are back working on campus and we will be back 100% before the start of fall 2021. We are planning on having instruction and all student services return to face-to-face at pre-pandemic levels for spring 2022. I have instructed academic affairs to plan a schedule that gets our students back into classrooms.
If you have questions or concerns please contact your representative from the RTC committee:

UFO – Jeff O’Connell
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Thank you and have a great weekend.

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