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PLAN FOR A SAFE RETURN TO CAMPUS

A comprehensive guide for faculty, staff, & students

2021-2022

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Plan for Safe Return

The plan for safe return holds detailed information on protocols for COVID safety. We encourage you to read the plan, and access other important information via the college's Coronavirus update webpage.

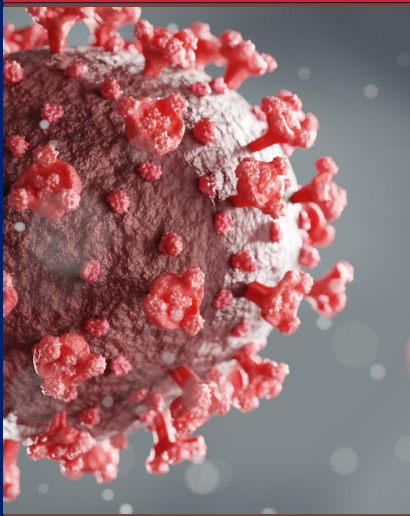
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Safety Monitors

Safety monitors have been hired to assist students and staff with safety protocols during hours when classes are in session. They will be stationed throughout the district.

The college is still looking to hire more safety monitors. If you know of anyone interested in part-time work, please get in touch with Dean Kim Starke at kstarke@santarosa.edu



Reporting Covid-Positive Cases

If a student has reported to you that they tested positive for the coronavirus, please notify your supervising administrator immediately. The administrator must complete a full reporting of the incident within strict time limits and according to state health regulations.



Protocols for Access

Students and staff are required to complete a [symptom self-check](#) before arriving at campus. In addition, students will be using the [MySRJCApp](#) to scan QR codes or sign in before entering a campus building so that, in the event of a covid positive case, it will be possible to complete contact tracing.



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In-Person Instruction and Student Services

As we reopen our campuses, we are excited to reconnect and bring our SRJC Family together again. Over 800 in-person sections are being offered at our various locations. Various student services will be available in person by appointment only.

[> See the List of Student Services](#)



HVAC and Air Filtration

The HVAC systems in all buildings occupied for the Fall semester have been upgraded to MERV-13 air filters, the gold standard of air filtration. Per CDC guidelines, each building will be scheduled to run at 100% airflow. Portable air filters will be available for densely populated or high aspiration areas (i.e., music, athletics, etc.).



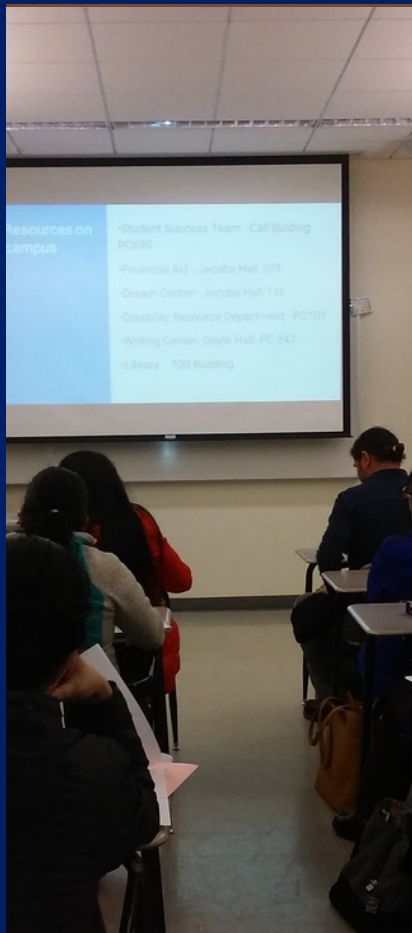
Student Health Services

SRJC's Student Health Services has vaccinated over 1,600 employees and students. We've joined the White House COVID-19 Vaccine Champion Colleges and Universities initiative. Covid testing is also available. For appointments, call 707-527-4445 or visit their [website](#).



Mask Availability

Masks are available to all staff and students upon request. Masks can be found with the SRJC safety monitors throughout campus.



Social Distancing

All employees and students must remain masked indoors. Indoor and outdoor social distancing is currently not required but is highly encouraged. Class and room capacities were set so that a 6' distance between occupants is possible.



Voice Projection Technology

Portable wireless microphones will be available and distributed by the central IT HelpDesk checkout method in the same manner as other loaner tech gear (doc cams, laptops, webcams, USB mics, Zoom backdrops, adapters, etc.). Due to sanitization concerns, shared microphones will not be deployed to most standard spaces.



Classroom Technology

Media and IT/Instructional Computing have prepared instructional stations, updated computers, and tested classroom technology. Faculty should check their rooms in advance of their scheduled class, arrive early and consider backup plans. For software/hardware issues, they may contact IT or Media from the classroom phone's speed dial button for urgent AV needs or make requests via the [Self-Service Hub](#).



Welcome Week

Welcome Week will be held virtually again this year for all students, from August 12-23. The week will host a variety of workshops and helpful preparation activities. You may find the full details on the Welcome Week website.

> [Welcome Week](#)



Students who refuse masking in the classroom

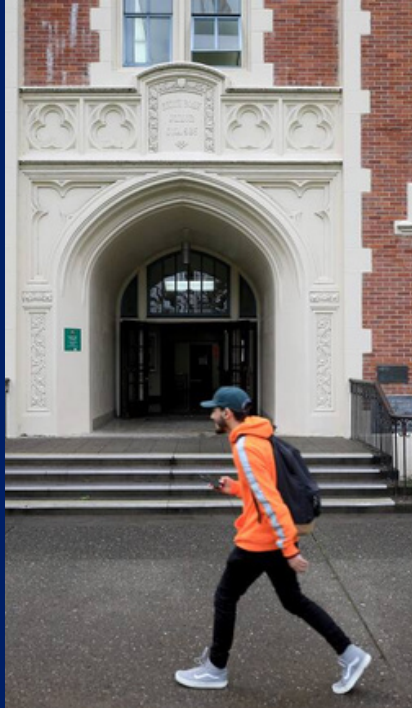
If a student refuses to put on their mask, there is obviously some urgency in addressing the student. If you are in class, consider stopping and asking the student to step outside so that you may speak with them. You could begin the conversation something like, “I understand this is a difficult time, and the COVID protocols are challenging, but for you to continue with this in-person class and to keep your fellow students and myself safe, you will need to follow the guidelines.”

If the student resists following the guidelines, you can state the following: “If you continue to disregard the guidelines, I will have to remove you from two class periods and refer you to student conduct.” Students should understand that “disruption” and “behaviors that result in unsafe situations” violate the student conduct code. **Please get in touch with the appropriate conduct administrator below if you need more assistance.**



Conduct Administrators

Should you want to speak to a conduct administrator, contact Robert Ethington, Dean of Students, at rethington@santarosa.edu or (707) 527-4573 (this rolls to his mobile phone); or Michelle Vidaurri, Director, Student Engagement, Petaluma, at mvidaurri@santarosa.edu or (707) 778-2401.



District Enrollment Update

Throughout the pandemic, most California community colleges are experiencing enrollment declines. Last fall, SRJC enrollments declined by 21.4%. During the same term, enrollment at our neighboring colleges of Mendocino, Marin, and Napa declined by 37.6%, 30.3%, 27.7%, respectively.

SRJC fall 2021 enrollments are currently down 11% compared to last fall.



Re-Engaging Students Who Have Stopped Out or Struggled

There are several efforts afoot to connect with students who have stopped out since the COVID pandemic began.

Students who left in Spring 2020 but have not yet returned: Counselors and student success coaches are contacting this group of students to assist them with re-enrollment.

Students who had difficulty with online learning: Students are contacted to participate in "Spring back to action" workshops and connected with student success coaches.

Students who have not enrolled since Fall '20 or Spring '21: Students are sent a text with a link to connect with SRJC staff if they would like assistance re-applying and enrolling.

If you know of a student struggling to stay enrolled, please contact or refer them to our [Welcome and Connect Center](#).