

A Resolution of the El Camino College Academic Senate Urging the El Camino College District Board of Trustees to  
Immediately Adopt Resolution 2021-09-07 "Directing the Superintendent/President of the El Camino College  
District to Require Evidence of Covid-19 Vaccination for All Students and Employees" and Expand the Requirement  
to Campus Contractors and Visitors

WHEREAS the El Camino College (ECC) Academic Senate is committed to supporting the success of all students by providing a safe, supportive learning environment; and,

WHEREAS, we are in the midst of a global pandemic that has claimed the lives of over 643,000 Americans,<sup>1</sup> including more than 65,700 Californians and 25,382 residents of Los Angeles County<sup>2</sup>; and,

WHEREAS, there has recently been a surge in the number of COVID-19 infections due to the Delta variant (B.1.617.2), which is a highly transmissible variant of the COVID-19 virus<sup>3</sup>; and

WHEREAS, people who have not been vaccinated against COVID-19 are most at risk of infection, adverse health consequences, and further spreading COVID-19, including the highly transmissible Delta variant, to friends, family, colleagues, and the community at large<sup>4</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of serious illness, hospitalizations, and death resulting from COVID-19, including the Delta variant, are among the unvaccinated<sup>5</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty) COVID-19 vaccine received full US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval August 23, 2021 while the Moderna and Johnson and Johnson's Janssen vaccines received Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the FDA<sup>3</sup> on December 18, 2020 and February 27, 2021, respectively, and all three vaccines have proven to be safe and highly effective in protecting against serious illnesses, hospitalizations, and death from COVID-19 infection<sup>1</sup>; and,

WHEREAS, both public and private employers including at least 1,014 colleges and universities and at least 34 of the 76 California Community College Districts including Los Angeles Community College District have imposed vaccine mandates for employees and students to protect their workforces and educational communities from the continued spread of COVID-19<sup>4,5</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of mandatory COVID-19 vaccination mandates at the workplace and at colleges has been held to be permissible in recent court cases, administrative decisions, and through guidance provided by, among other agencies, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, DFEH, and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ECC Academic Senate urges the El Camino College District Board of Trustees to adopt resolution 2021-09-07 directing the superintendent/president of the El Camino College District to require evidence of COVID-19 vaccination for all students and employees; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the El Camino College Academic Senate urges the El Camino College District Board of trustees to implement a requirement for all contractors and visitors eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine requirement per the FDA to provide proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 as a condition to physically enter any District building, classroom, library, gymnasium, facility, or other indoor space unless the individual is a student or employee participating in a sanctioned curricular or extracurricular event who has complied with all protocols set forth by the governing body of the sanctioned activity or exempt for medical or religious reasons.

1) [www.covid.cdc.gov](http://www.covid.cdc.gov)

2) <https://covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboards>

3) [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov)

4) <https://www.chronicle.com/blogs/live-coronavirus-updates/heres-a-list-of-colleges-that-will-require-students-to-be-vaccinated-against-covid-19>

5) <https://www.capradio.org/articles/2021/09/02/californias-community-colleges-divided-on-vaccine-mandates-for-students/>

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2021 by the El Camino College Academic Senate.

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