We have received many questions about procedures, reporting, and response regarding potential COVID-19 exposures. The first step is to call the COVID-19 hotline at 530-898-2222. Faculty, staff, and managers should refer questions or report potential cases to the hotline and not make independent decisions about COVID-19 exposures, quarantine, or contact tracing. The hotline staff will provide direction to students and employees, follow-up with supervisors as needed, and provide exposure notifications to close contacts as needed. If you start to feel symptomatic, please stay home and isolate, contact the hotline, and do not come to campus.

CSU Stanislaus has announced that they are temporarily delaying the start of in-person instruction and repopulation plans until October 1. The campus has announced that this is in response to notable increases in COVID-19 cases locally due to the Delta variant. This is a local issue that is particular to CSU Stanislaus in response to the low vaccination rates in the county. No other CSU has indicated that they will take the same direction.

Chico State is exceeding requirements by CAL OSHA, BCPH, CPDH, and the CSU Vaccine Policy by:
- Requiring all 1,944 on-campus residents to show proof of vaccination or exemption status prior to moving into the residence halls
- Requiring masks indoors rather than only strongly recommending them
- Requiring masks outdoors for campus-sponsored events when close proximity last longer than 15 minutes and physical distance cannot be met
- Installation of MERV-13 or above air filters in campus buildings
- Chico State has installed over 1,300 new hand sanitizing stations throughout campus.

Student requests for exemption at Chico State are low hovering at around 6%. Current self-certification for students is as follows:
- Medical Exemptions: 63
- Religious Exemptions: 343
- Not Accessing Campus: 156
- Vaccinated: 6,129
- Total received: 6,691

Employee requests for exemption at Chico State are also low with only 68 exemptions requests so far. As of 8.19.21 employee attestation is as follows:

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We are hosting three upcoming vaccinations clinics on-campus
- 8.20.21 (Laxson)
- 8.24.21 (Laxson)
- 9.14.21 (BMU)
The campus is currently engaged in a comprehensive communication campaign designed to encourage students and Chico State employees to submit verification. Numbers verifying vaccination are increasing daily. We have instituted an incentive program where we are handing out ten $100 gift cards and a pair of Apple Airpods each week to randomly selected students who have verified their vaccination status.

On-campus testing is available M-F from 9:00am-4:00pm in Whitney Hall. The Chico State site will have the highest capacity for testing in Butte County.

At Chico State we will continue to require mask-wearing indoors at campus facilities, except when in an office alone, or when eating or drinking while physically distanced from others.

Chico State is in constant communication with Butte County Public Health and they support our actions and plan to open fully. We will constantly monitor the situation and make adjustments as needed.

Chico State has identified several rooms around campus dedicated to student study needs as well as providing the ability to attend zoom classes and/or meetings. Spaces have been identified in MLIB, Selvesters, Modoc, Arts, BMU, Science Building, Tehama, Trinity, and Yolo. Information on the hours and locations will be sent to employees and students.

Chico State has added over 130 additional hyflex classrooms over the past year giving faculty the ability to provide in-person and virtual instruction simultaneously.

All students, employees, and managers have been assigned COVID specific training for general awareness and an update on the latest information.

The Chico State EOC has provided FAQs, suggested syllabi language, and mask enforcement procedures for faculty as they prepare for classes.

Many questions continue to come in asking if distancing should still be maintained indoors. Chico State has required masks at all times indoors and while the CDC does still note distancing can be an additional layer, we have employed other strategies above and beyond that will ensure safety. Our classes are now set up for normal capacity and events indoors can continue with normal occupancy (with face coverings required). When distancing is practical, it can be employed as an additional safety measure. Outdoors we require either distancing or face coverings for large gatherings when close contact lasts for more than 15 minutes.

The EOC has ordered 40,000 disposable masks for campus. FMS will be placing masks in most campus classrooms and labs. If you would like additional masks please contact FMS at X6222. EHS also has N95 masks available for all who would like one. Please contact EHS to put in a request. Each individual requesting an N95 must go to EHS to pick up their mask.

The EOC is working with Butte County Public Health on the plan for booster shots for those reaching the 8-month mark since initial vaccination. More info will be published soon.