

Health & Safety

Q1. Do I have to wear a mask on campus?

Yes! All three colleges in the district will continue to follow the masking requirements outlined by San Mateo Public Health.

If you have misplaced your mask, surgical masks are located at various locations throughout all buildings.

Q2. Do I have to social distance?

No. However, please check in with the individual and their comfort level. Staff and faculty may require appointments depending on the length of the meeting and available space.

Q3. Do I have to be vaccinated to be a student?

Yes, you need to be vaccinated if you want to take in-person classes or access services on campus. All in-person students need to be vaccinated unless they have a medical or religious exemption. And students with an exemption need to complete regular COVID testing and always wear a mask.

Online courses continue to be available for all students, regardless of vaccination status.

Q4. How do I submit a vaccination record?

Visit: smccd.edu/return-to-campus and click on "Verifying Your Vaccination Status," then follow the listed steps:

STEP 1: Log into Websmart and select the student services tab.

STEP 2: Click on the "COVID-19 Vaccination Link" at the top of the page.

STEP 3: Select "Fully Vaccinated," insert your vaccine information and upload a digital copy. *This is also where you can request a medical or religious exemption.

Q5. Will booster shots be required for those who can get them?

Booster shots are not required at this time, but you may want to consider getting one. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has authorized boosters for people 12 and over who have received their full vaccine doses.

You can get a booster if it has been at least 5 months since your second dose of Pfizer or Moderna, OR if it has been at least 2 months since your single Johnson & Johnson dose.

Q6. Does SMCCCD accept foreign vaccination cards?

Yes, the district accepts any WHO-approved vaccination.

Q7. Will I be asked to leave campus if I have signs of sickness?

You should stay home if you have any signs of sickness. If you believe you've contracted Covid-19 or been exposed, report this to your instructor or appropriate college staff immediately. If you show obvious signs of sickness once you are on campus, please leave campus immediately.

Q8. What are the schools' isolation and quarantining rules?

Isolation and quarantine directives are only necessary in the following situations:

- You've tested positive for COVID-19 or exhibit [symptoms consistent with COVID-19](#). Isolation will be required for 5 days from when you tested positive with a follow-up COVID-19 test or 10 days without a follow-up test.
- You've been notified that you've been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and you are not fully vaccinated. Quarantine will be required for 5 days from the last date of exposure with a follow-up negative COVID-19 test. If you believe you've contracted or have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or been exposed, report this to your instructor or appropriate college staff immediately.

You can visit the San Mateo County Health Testing and Contact Tracing webpage for more information: <https://www.smchealth.org/testing-contact-tracing#iq>

Q9. What safety measures is the district taking to ensure students are being safe on campus?

The District is doing a lot to make sure students are safe. Vaccines are required for all students taking in-person courses. Masks are also still required for all students inside buildings, and high use community spaces like classrooms, dining room, and work rooms are all cleaned and disinfected daily. We are also communicating regularly about hygiene procedures such as hand-washing, and sanitizing equipment.

Q10. What safety measures are being taken to prevent the spread (of COVID-19) to people who are immunocompromised?

There are multiple measures currently in place to protect those who are immunocompromised. These include county public health indoor mask wearing mandates, a vaccine requirement for employees and students, optimized building ventilation and filtration, and enhanced sanitization efforts in high-use areas. Those who are immunocompromised can take any additional precautions or safety measures that they feel are warranted to their situation.

Q11. What is the event capacity for on-campus events?

Since the California Public Health Department has retired social distancing requirements and the indoor mask mandate currently remains in place, there is no reduced event capacity guidance. With that said, if you are holding an event where many attendees may be consuming

food or beverages at the same time, it is suggested to plan the event outdoors to ensure a safer event for all.

Student Services

Q1. Will the free college shuttles be running again?

Yes! Starting the first day of school, all free shuttles at [Cañada](#) and [Skyline](#) will be running. You can check out their new schedules and pick up locations at the links above.

Q2. How can I access mental health services?

At SMCCCD, we prioritize our student's well-being and offer a wide variety of mental health services and programs at each of our school sites. Please visit your school's Wellness Services homepage for a comprehensive list of support services.

- **Cañada College:** <https://www.canadacollege.edu/pcc/index.php>
- **College of San Mateo:** <https://collegeofsanmateo.edu/personalcounseling/>
- **Skyline College:** <https://www.skylinecollege.edu/healthandwellness/>

If you are dealing with anxiety, depression, addiction, or bullying, you can access free on-demand mental health professionals 24/7 through our partnership with TimelyCare. To learn more, visit <https://timely.md/schools/index.html?school=SMCCD&=>.

If you have thoughts of harming yourself, please call the Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Hotline (650) 579-0350 for immediate assistance.

Q3. What are the operating/service hours for my campus?

To view your campuses schedule of services, please visit the following links:

- **Cañada College:** <https://canadacollege.edu/campushours/>
- **College of San Mateo:** <https://collegeofsanmateo.edu/campushours/>
- **Skyline College:** <https://skylinecollege.edu/campushours/>

Academics

Q1. What exactly is "hybrid or hyflex classes" and what does it look like?

Hybrid and hyflex courses are a blend of in-person and virtual learning.

- **Hybrid** courses can have pre-recorded video lectures, and online discussions, in addition to having a few in person classes.
- **Hyflex** courses combine in-person and virtual learning so you can choose how to participate for each class. Come participate on campus, or watch from Zoom live!

Q2. How do I know which classes will be hybrid, in-person, or virtual?

You can check out how a class is offered through [WebSchedule!](#)

When searching for a specific class use the keyword search engine then you can click the "i" button to see what type of course it is. If you are not sure what to search for and just want to see all classes offered at one college, go to the Spring 2022 tab, then click on the open classes tab under the college you're looking for. On the right side you'll see if it's web-based (fully online) hybrid, or in person!

Q3. Where can I view what courses are available virtually?

You can visit www.webschedule.smccd.edu for a full list of virtual and in-person courses.