

Skyline College Counselors' Questions, Concerns and Feedback: Health & Safety

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1. How effective can filtration be in a closed room with no natural air, with sustained student contact in 1 hour to 2- hour student meetings?
2. No structured plan in place to monitor students and visitors entering Student Services. When asked about how to deal with specific student concerns, the response received was "call your Dean."
3. What are the plans for COVID testing at Skyline College? All onsite testing is at CSM.
4. See Santa Barbara CC COVID Plan – there are check-points before entering student services. Where is the planning at Skyline College?
5. In the case of an outbreak on campus how will counselors be notified if we had contact? How are we managing reporting? What is the protocol? Unlike classroom spaces where you know who is entering your space, counselors receive visitors from the community which we have no information about. How are we assuring that all entering our buildings are vaccinated or asymptomatic?
6. What assurance do we have that health screenings are done on a regular basis? Who is doing the screenings?
7. Vaccinated individuals are exempt from quarantine, and as we now know that even vaccinated individuals can contract the virus, how do you know if vaccinated individuals are notified if they had contact with a person that tested positive for COVID?
8. If UC requires all students/employees to have vaccines, it follows that SMCCD would also be able to mandate this requirement.
9. Can the District develop a policy/procedure for vaccine verification before students are on campus?
10. If an unvaccinated student schedules an appointment with a counselor/any employee, the employee has a right to know. The employee may choose to work with the student (or perhaps fellow employee) in a way that is protected. This may be as simple as having a plexiglass barrier for a session or the student/employee may choose to meet remotely. Will there be opportunity for remote interaction on campus?

Counselors request that the administration acknowledge the level of possible exposure counseling faculty are being subjected to without knowledge or assurance of effectiveness of ventilation/filtration and assure that the students entering our office space (enclosed spaces with less than 6 feet of separation) are vaccinated or asymptomatic.