

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES - STUDENTS

The District is required by state law to:

- Cooperate with Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) in measures necessary for the prevention and control of communicable diseases among students; and
- Comply with any immunization program required by California State Department of Health Services regulations.

Regulations mandate that certain communicable and non-communicable diseases/conditions be reported to the local health department using specified methods and time frames.

It is important that the college health centers (Saddleback College Student Health Center and Irvine Valley College Health and Wellness Center) report notifiable diseases/conditions to the county where the affected student(s) resides so that appropriate follow-up can occur.

If there is evidence of an imminent public health risk to the affected student(s), the District and/or colleges may, in accordance with OCHCA, Centers for Disease Control and Preventions (CDC), or World Health Organization (WHO), deem it is necessary to control such a risk, and may compel the student(s) to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease, including isolation, and or quarantine of the student(s).

Immunizations:

- Standard immunizations required by the State of California and/or recommended for the prevention of the spread of communicable diseases are available in the college student health centers at a nominal cost.
- Beginning in Spring 2022, all students taking classes at the colleges or ATEP must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to attending classes, unless approved as exempt due to a verified disability/medical condition or a sincerely held religious belief (as defined in federal or state laws and regulations).
- Beginning in Spring 2022, all adult students taking classes at satellite locations must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to attending classes, unless approved as exempt due to a verified disability/medical condition or a sincerely held religious belief (as defined in federal or state laws and regulations).
- All students who want to receive any level of services located at the colleges or ATEP are required to provide proof of vaccination by Spring 2022 if those services are scheduled for 30 minutes or longer.
- Vaccination records shall be subject to verification through the proper authority, including the California immunization registry. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the

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State of California or other proper authority has the correct information related to the verification of their vaccination record and to assist the District in validation of their vaccination record. Unvalidated records shall be fully investigated, and disciplinary action may be initiated if a student is discovered to have submitted fraudulent/forged records. Vaccination status information is kept confidential and will be disclosed only on a need-to-know basis to District and local officials.

- Students with an exemption based upon a verified disability/medical condition or sincerely held religious belief will be subject to mandatory testing at a minimum of twice a week at the student’s own expense. Testing at no cost may be provided for students with financial need, subject to approval of Irvine Valley College’s or Saddleback College’s Financial Aid Office. All students with an exemption, and who want to receive services located at the colleges, ATEP, or satellite locations, who fail to undergo testing a minimum of twice a week and provide proof of negative results are not entitled to accommodations and the District is within its right to deny on-campus student support services, enforce disciplinary action, and defer or deny enrollment.
- Licensed healthcare professionals provide vaccine administration and monitor for adverse reactions under standards of practice guidelines including standing orders authorized by a supervising physician.
- Emergency medical equipment, medications, and protocols to treat severe adverse reactions are maintained in the college student health center.
- Tuberculosis testing is available at the colleges in the student health centers.
- All International Students are required to undergo current tuberculosis testing and immunization requirements in compliance with the State of California immunization standards upon entry to the colleges and prior to the beginning of classes through the student health centers. Protocols adopted are in compliance with CDC and OCHCA requirements.

Reporting:

In the event of the identification of a reportable communicable disease, college student health center staff members work in conjunction with appropriate college officials and OCHCA authorities to report the disease in a timely manner and manage the case.

References:

Education Code Section 76403

Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Sections 2500, 2593, 2641.5-2643.20, and 2800-2812

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