



September 16, 2021

Dear Students,

As we enter the third week of the semester, I am hopeful that you are doing well. We have worked hard at GCC to provide learning options that best fit your needs while maintaining a safe and healthy environment on our campuses.

We have recently sent reminders to all students about GCC's COVID-19 vaccination mandate. You must be fully vaccinated by October 31, 2021, if you are attending in-person classes, working on campus, and/or participating in on-campus programs/activities. If you are exclusively learning remotely, you are not required to be vaccinated, but I strongly encourage you to do so.

The vaccine mandate ([Board Policy 3507](#)) will remain in effect for the entire 2021-22 academic year. Registration for the winter session and spring semester are just weeks away and if you have any interest in attending our growing list of in-person classes and student services, you must be fully vaccinated. The vaccination process can take up to six weeks, so do not delay making your first appointment, which you can do by clicking [myturn.ca.gov](http://myturn.ca.gov).

Within the next two weeks, GCC will send you instructions on how to provide proof of your vaccination. We are partnering with Kokomo 24/7 to offer an easy, secure platform where you can upload all your documentation.

You may apply for an exemption due to an ADA-qualifying medical disability or a valid religious accommodation. If you receive an exemption, you will be required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test on a weekly basis. GCC will send you instructions on how to apply for a qualifying exemption through the online vaccine portal by the week of September 20.

If you do not submit your full COVID-19 vaccination verification by the October 31 deadline, you will be dropped from your in-person classes beginning November 1, 2021 and receive an EW (Excused Withdrawal) without a refund.

If you receive a qualifying medical or religious exemption and do not submit your weekly negative COVID-19 test results, you will be dropped immediately from your in-person classes and receive an EW (Excused Withdrawal) without a refund.

To learn more about GCC's mandatory vaccination policy [click here](#) or if you still have questions, you may email your inquiry to: [vaxinfo@glendale.edu](mailto:vaxinfo@glendale.edu).

If you do plan to visit either the Verdugo or Garfield campus before October 31, remember that you must wear a mask when indoors whether or not you are vaccinated.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Viar".

David Viar  
Superintendent/President

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