



**MT. SAN JACINTO COMMUNITY
COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**COVID-19
PREVENTION
PROCEDURES**

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COVID-19 Prevention Procedures (CPP) for Mt. San Jacinto College

This CPP is designed to control employees' exposures to the SARS-CoV-2 virus (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) that causes COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) that may occur in our workplace.

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Authority and Responsibility

Executive Cabinet has delegated overall authority and responsibility for implementing the provisions of this CPP in our workplace to the departments of Human Resources, Risk Management and the Student Health Center. In addition, all managers and supervisors are responsible for implementing and maintaining the CPP in their assigned work areas and for ensuring employees receive answers to questions about the procedures in a language they understand.

All employees are responsible for using safe work practices, following all directives, policies and procedures, and assisting in maintaining a safe work environment.

Application of the MSJC Injury & Illness Prevention Program (IIPP)

COVID-19 is a recognized hazard in our workplace that is addressed through our IIPP, which will be effectively implemented and maintained to ensure the following:

1. When determining measures to prevent COVID-19 transmission and identifying and correcting COVID-19 hazards in our workplace:
 - a. All persons in our workplace are treated as potentially infectious, regardless of symptoms, vaccination status, or negative COVID-19 test results.
 - b. COVID-19 is treated as an airborne infectious disease. Applicable State of California and Riverside University Health System orders and guidance will be reviewed when determining measures to prevent transmission and identifying and correcting COVID-19 hazards. COVID-19 prevention controls include:
 - i. Remote work.
 - ii. Physical distancing.
 - iii. Reducing population density indoors.
 - iv. Moving indoor tasks outside.
 - v. Implementing separate shifts and/or break times.
 - vi. Restricting access to work areas.
2. Training and instruction on COVID-19 prevention is provided:
 - a. When this CPP was first established.
 - b. To new employees.
 - c. To employees given a new job assignment involving COVID-19 hazards and they have not been previously trained.
 - d. Whenever new COVID-19 hazards are introduced.
 - e. When we are made aware of new or previously unrecognized COVID-19 hazards.

- f. For supervisors to familiarize themselves with the COVID-19 hazards to which employees under their immediate direction and control may be exposed.

Appendix A COVID-19 **Training Roster** will be used to document this training.

- 3. Procedures to investigate COVID-19 illnesses at the workplace include:
 - a. Determining the day and time a COVID-19 case was last present; the date of the positive COVID-19 tests or diagnosis; and the date the COVID-19 case first had one or more COVID-19 symptoms. Appendix B Investigating COVID-19 Cases will be used to document this information.
 - b. Effectively identifying and responding to persons with COVID-19 symptoms at the workplace. Human Resources will work with employees and departments to identify those with COVID-19 symptoms through reporting and notification to the HRcovidresponse@msjc.edu email. Employees and supervisors may contact Giselle Guerrero for guidance.
 - c. Encouraging employees to report COVID-19 symptoms and to stay home when ill. Employees will contact HRcovidresponse@msjc.edu to report symptoms and notify their supervisor when they will miss time from work. An Absence Request Form (ARF) will be completed by employee and department and provided to Payroll within the same payroll period the time off was taken.
- 4. Effective procedures for responding to COVID-19 cases at the workplace include:
 - a. Immediately excluding COVID-19 cases (including employees excluded under CCR, Title 8, section 3205.1) according to the following requirements:
 - i. COVID-19 cases who do not develop COVID-19 symptoms will not return to work during the infectious period.
 - ii. COVID-19 cases who develop COVID-19 symptoms will not return to work during the shorter of either of the following:
 - a. The infectious period.
 - b. Through 10 days after the onset of symptoms and at least 24 hours have passed since a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication.
 - iii. Regardless of vaccination status, previous infection, or lack of COVID-19 symptoms, a COVID-19 case must wear a face covering in the workplace until 10 days have passed since the date that COVID-19 symptoms began or, if the person did not have COVID-19 symptoms, from the date of their first positive COVID-19 test.
 - iv. Elements i. and ii. apply regardless of whether an employee has been previously excluded or other precautions were taken in response to an employee's close contact or membership in an exposed group.
 - b. Reviewing current [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#) guidance for persons who had close contacts, including any guidance regarding quarantine or other measures to reduce transmission.
 - c. The following effective policies will be developed, implemented, and maintained to prevent

transmission of COVID-19 by persons who had close contacts. Please refer to BP 5210 and BP 7330.

- d. If an order to isolate, quarantine, or exclude an employee is issued by a local or state health official, the employee will not return to work until the period of isolation or quarantine is completed or the order is lifted.
- e. If removal of an employee would create undue risk to a community's health, Mt. San Jacinto College may submit a request for a waiver to Cal/OSHA in writing to rs@dir.ca.gov to allow employees to return to work if it does not violate local or state health official orders for isolation, quarantine, or exclusion. In such cases, employees may be approved to work remotely to prevent transmission in the workplace or if isolation is not feasible, the use of respirators may be utilized.
- f. Upon excluding an employee from the workplace based on COVID-19 or a close contact, Mt. San Jacinto College will provide excluded employees information regarding COVID-19-related benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws. This includes any benefits available under legally mandated sick leave, workers' compensation law, local governmental requirements, and Mt. San Jacinto College leave policies and leave guaranteed by contract. Human Resources will provide leave benefit information and notification to employees excluded from the workplace.

Testing of Close Contacts

COVID-19 tests are available at no cost, during paid time, to all of our employees who had a close contact in the workplace. These employees will be provided with the information outlined in paragraph (4)(f), above.

Exceptions are returned cases as defined in CCR, Title 8, section 3205(b)(11).

Notice of COVID-19 cases

Employees and independent contractors who had a close contact, as well as any employer with an employee who had a close contact, will be notified as soon as possible, and in no case longer than the time required to ensure that the exclusion requirements of paragraph (4)(a) above, are met.

When Labor Code section 6409.6 or any successor law is in effect, Mt. San Jacinto College will:

- Provide notice of a COVID-19 case, in a form readily understandable to employees. The notice will be given to all employees, employers, and independent contractors at the worksite.
- Provide the notice to the authorized representative, if any of:
 - The COVID-19 case and of any employee who had a close contact.
 - All employees on the premises at the same worksite as the COVID-19 case within the infectious period.

Notification of COVID-19 cases will be posted in prominently displayed common work area for at least 15 calendar days. Close contacts will be notified of face covering requirements, testing resources, and other information, as applicable.

Face Coverings

Employees will be provided face coverings and required to wear them:

- When required by orders from the CDPH. This includes spaces within vehicles when a CDPH regulation or order requires face coverings indoors.
- During outbreaks and major outbreaks.
- When employees return to work after having COVID-19 until 10 days have passed since the date that COVID-19 symptoms began or, if the person did not have COVID-19 symptoms, from the date of their first positive COVID-19 test, or after a close contact. Please refer to the section in this FAQ on CDPH's Isolation and Quarantine Guidance.

The following exceptions apply:

1. When an employee is alone in a room or vehicle.
2. While eating or drinking at the workplace, provided employees are at least six feet apart and, if indoors, the supply of outside or filtered air has been maximized to the extent feasible.
3. While employees are wearing respirators required by the employer and used in compliance with CCR, Title 8 section 5144.
4. Employees who cannot wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or disability, or who are hearing-impaired or communicating with a hearing-impaired person. Such employees shall wear an effective non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom, if the condition or disability permits it.
5. During specific tasks which cannot feasibly be performed with a face covering. This exception is limited to the time period in which such tasks are actually being performed.

If an employee is not wearing a face covering due to exceptions (4) and (5), above, the COVID-19 hazards will be assessed, and action taken as necessary.

Employees will not be prevented from wearing a face covering, including a respirator, when not required by this section, unless it creates a safety hazard.

Respirators

Respirators will be provided for voluntary use to employees who request them and who are working indoors or in vehicles with more than one person. Employees who request respirators for voluntary use will be:

- Encouraged to use them.
- Provided with a respirator of the correct size.
- Trained on:
 - How to properly wear the respirator provided.
 - How to perform a user seal check according to the manufacturer's instructions each time a respirator is worn.
 - The fact that facial hair interferes with a seal.

The requirements of CCR, Title 8 section 5144(c)(2) will be complied with according to the type of respirator (disposable filtering face piece or elastomeric re-usable) provided to employees.

Ventilation

For our indoor workplaces we will:

- Review CDPH and Cal/OSHA guidance regarding ventilation, including the CDPH [Interim Guidance for Ventilation, Filtration, and Air Quality in Indoor Environments](#). Mt. San Jacinto College will develop, implement, and maintain effective methods to prevent transmission of COVID-19, including one or more of the following actions to improve ventilation:
 - Maximize the supply of outside air to the extent feasible, except when the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Air Quality Index is greater than 100 for any pollutant or if opening windows or maximizing outdoor air by other means would cause a hazard to employees, for instance from excessive heat or cold.
 - In buildings and structures with mechanical ventilation, filter circulated air through filters at least as protective as Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV)-13, or the highest level of filtration efficiency compatible with the existing mechanical ventilation system.
 - Use High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration units in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations in indoor areas occupied by employees for extended periods, where ventilation is inadequate to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
- Determine if our workplace is subject to CCR, Title 8 section 5142 Mechanically Driven Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Systems to Provide Minimum Building Ventilation, or section 5143 General Requirements of Mechanical Ventilation Systems, and comply as required.

In vehicles, we will maximize the supply of outside air to the extent feasible, except when doing so would cause a hazard to employees or expose them to inclement weather.

Reporting and Recordkeeping

Appendix B **Investigating COVID-19 Cases** will be used to keep a record of and track all COVID-19 cases. These records will be kept by Human Resources and retained for two years beyond the period in which it is necessary to meet the requirements of CCR, Title 8, sections 3205, 3205.1, 3205.2, and 3205.3.

The notices required by subsection 3205(e) will be kept in accordance with Labor Code section 6409.6 or any successor law.

Appendix A: COVID-19 Training Roster

Date training completed: [enter date]

Person that conducted the training: [enter name(s)]

Employee Name	Signature

Appendix B: Investigating COVID-19 Cases

All personal identifying information of COVID-19 cases or persons with COVID-19 symptoms, and any employee required medical records will be kept confidential unless disclosure is required or permitted by law. Unredacted information on COVID-19 cases will be provided to the local health department, CDPH, Cal/OSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) immediately upon request, and when required by law.

Date COVID-19 case (suspect or confirmed) became known: [enter information]

Date investigation was initiated: [enter information]

Name of person(s) conducting the investigation: [enter name(s)]

COVID-19 Case Summary

Name	Contact Info	Occupation	Location	Last day and time present	Date of positive test and/or diagnosis	Date of first symptoms

Summary of employees, independent contractors, and employees of other employers that came in close contact

Name	Contact Info	Date notified	Date offered COVID-19 testing (employees only)

Summary notice of a COVID-19 case (employees, employers, independent contractors) – during the infectious period and regardless of a close contact occurring.

Name	Date notified

Summary notice of a COVID-19 case (authorized representative of the COVID-19 case and employee who had close contact).

Name	Date notified

What were the workplace conditions that could have contributed to the risk of COVID-19 exposure?
[enter information]

What could be done to reduce exposure to COVID-19?
[enter information]

Was local health department notified? Date? [enter information]

Additional Consideration #1

COVID-19 Outbreaks

This addendum will stay in effect until there are one or fewer new COVID-19 cases detected in the exposed group for a seven-day period.

Exclude from Work

All COVID-19 cases, as well as employees who had close contacts but do not take a COVID-19 test, will be excluded from the workplace.

COVID-19 Testing

We immediately provide COVID-19 testing available at no cost to our employees within the exposed group, regardless of vaccination status, during employees' paid time, except for returned cases and employees who were not present at the workplace during the relevant 14-day period.

Additional testing is made available on a weekly basis to all employees in the exposed group who remain at the workplace.

Employees who had close contacts and remain at work will be required to take a COVID-19 test within three to five days after the close contact and those who test positive for COVID-19 will be excluded. Those who do not take a COVID-19 test will be excluded until our return-to-work requirements have been met.

Face Coverings

Employees in the exposed group, regardless of vaccination status, will wear face coverings when indoors, or when outdoors and less than six feet from another person, unless one of the exceptions in our CPP applies.

Respirators

Employees will be notified of their right to request and receive a respirator for voluntary use, as stipulated in our CPP.

COVID-19 investigation, review, and hazard correction

Mt. San Jacinto College will perform a review of potentially relevant COVID-19 policies, procedures and controls, and implement changes as needed to prevent further spread of COVID-19 when this addendum initially applies and periodically thereafter. The investigation, review, and changes will be documented and include:

- Investigation of new or unabated COVID-19 hazards including:
 - Our leave policies and practices and whether employees are discouraged from remaining home when sick.
 - Our COVID-19 testing policies.
 - Insufficient supply of outdoor air to indoor workplaces.
 - Insufficient air filtration.
 - Insufficient physical distancing.
- Review updated every 30 days that CCR, Title 8 section 3205.1 continues to apply:
 - In response to new information or to new or previously unrecognized COVID-19 hazards.
 - When otherwise necessary.

- Any changes implemented to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 based on the investigation and review, which may include:
 - Moving indoor tasks outdoors or having them performed remotely.
 - Increasing the outdoor air supply when work is done indoors.
 - Improving air filtration.
 - Increasing physical distancing to the extent feasible.
 - Requiring respiratory protection in compliance with CCR, Title 8 section 5144.
 - Other applicable controls.

Ventilation

Buildings or structures with mechanical ventilation will have recirculated air filtered with Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV)-13 or higher efficiency filters, if compatible with the ventilation system. If MERV-13 or higher filters are not compatible with the ventilation system, filters with the highest compatible filtering efficiency will be used. High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) air filtration units will be used in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations in indoor areas occupied by employees for extended periods, where ventilation is inadequate to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

These ventilation requirements will continue to be implemented after the outbreak has passed and CCR, Title 8 section 3205.1 is no longer applicable.

Major Outbreaks

The following will be done while CCR, Title 8 section 3205.1 applies if 20 or more employee COVID-19 cases in an exposed group visited the worksite during their infectious period within a 30-day period:

- Exclude COVID-19 cases as well as employees in the exposed group who do not take a COVID-19 test.
- Immediately ensure that all employees in the exposed group who remain at work are tested for COVID-19 at least twice weekly until there are one or fewer new COVID-19 cases detected in the exposed group for a 14-day period. Employees in the exposed group that do not take the COVID-19 test will be excluded until our return-to-work criteria have been met.
- Report the outbreak to Cal/OSHA.
- Provide respirators for voluntary use to employees in the exposed group, encourage their use, and train employees according to CCR, Title 8 section 5144(c)(2) requirements.
- Any employees in the exposed group who are not wearing respirators as required will be separated from other persons by at least six feet, except where it can be demonstrated that at least six feet of separation is not feasible, and except for momentary exposure while persons are in movement. Methods of physical distancing include:
 - Telework or other remote work arrangements.
 - Reducing the number of persons in an area at one time, including visitors.
 - Visual cues such as signs and floor markings to indicate where employees and others should be located or their direction and path of travel
 - Staggered arrival, departure, work, and break times.
 - Adjusted work processes or procedures, such as reducing production speed, to allow greater distance between employees.

When it is not feasible to maintain a distance of at least six feet, individuals will be as far apart as feasible.