

Pandemic Response Team

September 29, 2021

Zoom

9:00 a.m.

Attendees

Dr. George Pimentel, President
Dr. Kyle Barron, Vice President of Student Services
Steve Cornelison, Director of Athletics
Dr. Patrick Davis, Dean of Academic Support
Meda Falls, Director of Savannah Center
Heather Freeman, Administrative Assistant to the President
Timaria Glenn, SGA Representative
Kristina Martin, Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Student Services
Dr. Liz Mayo, Faculty Council Representative
Shannon Mayo, Coordinator of Paris Site
John McCommon, Director of Public Relations and Marketing
Linda Nickell, Dean of Students
Dr. Tom Pigg, Dean of Health Sciences and CIT
Lisa Rojas, Director of Humboldt Center
Christi Tall, Classified Council Representative
Patti Tanski Mego, Professional Technical Council Representative
Sandy Stanfill, Director of Lexington Center
Preston Turner, Director of Physical Plant
Amy West, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Leslie West Sands, Dean of Nursing
Shane Young, Chief of Police

Absent:

Tim Dellinger, Vice President of Financial and Administrative Affairs

- **Welcome**

Dr. Pimentel began the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

COVID-19 Positive Case/Quarantine Report - (quarantines are unvaccinated exposures)

- Faculty/Staff – 0 positives 1 quarantine
- Student – 6 positive 12 quarantine
- Guest – 0 positives 0 quarantine
- Athletics – 0 positives 5 quarantine

Of the five athletic quarantines, three are new exposures. These numbers are included in the total student counts.

As a precaution, the decision has been made to pause activity for one athletic team to keep from additional exposures. The athletic exposures should be in the student count.

The Team discussed adult education and workforce development students and where they would fall in reporting of COVID exposures and positives. The team decided they would be counted as a guest with our reporting. Dr. Pigg will work with Barry Buchannan and Terri Messer on getting information to Kristina Martin for numbers.

- **Flu and COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics updates**

At yesterday's benefits fair, 82 flu shots were given. Today, we have 17 scheduled for COVID-19 vaccines. We do not have the number of registrations for the vaccine tomorrow. As of this morning, 26 students have shown their proof of vaccination to receive a JSCC shirt.

Off campus centers were offered the opportunity to ask students to provide their proof of COVID-19 vaccination for a JSCC shirt and mask. They should contact Human Resources for the supplies.

- **Contact Tracing updates**

The part-time contact tracing position posted. Applicants are being reviewed. We hope to have the position hired and started soon. The majority of the work can be done at night and on weekends. If you know of interested individuals, please send them to Dr. Kyle Barron or Amy West.

Today is Linda Nickell's last meeting with the Team. A special thanks was given for her work and commitment to JSCC through her years of service with the college, especially with this committee.

- **Mask Mandate**

The team discussed the mask mandate and when the mask mandate would end. TBR's current mandate is set to end on September 30. The CDC does not have a recommendation for a threshold of when we return to normal. The team discuss our current numbers in the community are going down but positivity rates are high. The decision was made to keep the mask mandate in place and revisit periodically or as additional information is received.

JSCC masks were ordered for all students and employees. They were handed out at the employee benefits fair and in the Student Center. If you need one, please contact Human Resources.

- **CARES Act leave**

Tomorrow is the last date of CARES Act leave. If employees are out with COVID leave, accrued leave will have to be used. The team discussed employees with quarantined children that are too young to be vaccinated and stay home alone. Employees in that situation should tell their supervisor. Supervisors have the ability to approve a partial work from home arrangement if the employee can complete their work from home. Amy West will send an e-mail to campus.

- **Meeting schedule**

Today is the Team's last scheduled weekly meeting. We discussed a bi-weekly meeting schedule with special called meetings as necessary. The Team agreed to this transition with the next meeting being held on October 13 at 9:00 a.m.

With no weekly report on case numbers, campus contacts were asked to provide their numbers to the President's Office by 10:00 a.m. each Friday for a noon reporting deadline.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45.