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Greetings colleagues,

I hope this update finds you and your loved ones well; I also hope that you're enjoying this beautiful spring weekend and the respite from last week's heat.

In this week's video [update](#) I discuss the status of our preparations for a partial reopening of some key services at the colleges and the prospect for Summer Term face-to-face classes at our campuses.

As you know, our colleges have surveyed students from the Spring semester. Many indicated that they needed or preferred face-to-face classes and in person services. We are committed to meeting their needs where possible while ensuring their safety and the safety of every YCCD employee.

I have described in previous updates that we have been coordinating with respective county health offices; late last week we submitted our reopening plan to them for their review and endorsement. In general, colleges are in Stage 3 of the California Department of Public Health's multi-stage reopening framework and our counties are currently in various phases of Stage 2 of that reopening framework. So whether we can reopen face-to-face classes by June 15th, other than those for critical infrastructure workforce and for hard-to-convert curriculum, will depend on the respective county health officials. We should know in the next several days for each of our campuses.

Last week the senior administration and representatives from three of the employee associations met to discuss this plan. In that meeting the association representatives expressed that many of their members are concerned about the safety of our campuses and work sites. We assured the association leadership then, and I assure you now, that our preparations are based on the same public health guidelines, from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), that our counties are following. Several weeks ago, the CDC published specific reopening guidelines for colleges and universities that we are following. In every aspect of those guidelines, we are meeting or exceeding the published safety standards and we are meeting or exceeding the directives of our respective counties.

Throughout this pandemic, we have prioritized the safety of our faculty, staff and students and will continue to do so during these coming months as our state and nation recover. By meeting or exceeding public health guidelines, our campuses and offices will be as safe or safer than any other aspect of our society that is reopening from the pandemic.

College and campus administrators will communicate the determinations of their respective county public health offices in the coming days.

Thank you all for your labors always but especially though these last three months.

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