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CCAC Colleagues,

This past week, the Allegheny County Health Department reported a drop in new COVID cases in the region. Although this is welcome news, it does not negate the fact that every possible precaution must be taken to protect ourselves and each other from this insidious virus and its variants. Given the virulent nature of the Delta variant, it is important that we all continue to do everything we can to keep both the college and wider community safe by reducing the risk of anyone at CCAC contracting COVID-19. After all, even one case of COVID is one too many.

Therefore, it is imperative that we continue to adhere to all necessary mitigation measures, including the college mandate requiring all CCAC employees, students, contractors, vendors and visitors to wear a mask or face covering that meets CDC guidelines at all times indoors in any nonprivate (i.e., more than one occupant) room or other CCAC work location. This applies to everyone, regardless of vaccination status. Face masks are also mandatory in places where the individual will, or is likely to be, in proximity to other individuals (e.g., common areas, lobbies, hallways, elevators, vehicles, etc.) Masks may be removed in designated food service and eating areas, in accordance with posted guidelines and physical distancing requirements that remain in place at all CCAC facilities. Should you need a mask for whatever reason, stop by your campus or center security desk or see any security officer for a new washable mask. Masks are not required in outdoor locations.

If you haven't done so already, I urge you to take advantage of the free vaccinations offered by the college to all CCAC employees, students, and family members. Through our partnership with Integrated Health 21, CCAC continues to provide the COVID-19 vaccination, and a number of new clinic dates have recently been added, so if you or a family member is interested in getting vaccinated, there are openings available. Please watch for and respond to an Integrated Health 21 (IH21) announcement to register to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.

Currently, the college is offering the Moderna vaccination, and CCAC is working with IH21 to explore the possibility of offering the Moderna booster shot, if and when the FDA provides such approval.

Finally, as the college continues to follow the guidelines set forth by the CDC and the Allegheny County Health Department, I want to share the following pathway put out by ACHD regarding the steps individuals should take when confronted with possible exposure to COVID-19.

As recent weeks have shown, the challenges we continue to face during this pandemic are ever-changing and complex, but we will get through them if we remain focused on the recommended CDC safety protocols. Thank you for all you are doing to help keep CCAC a safe place for our community.

Best,

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