

Chancellor's Message: COVID-19 Update, 5/5/2020

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SDCCD Colleagues and Friends:

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DECISION ABOUT THE FALL SEMESTER

The fall semester will be conducted primarily online and via distance education. Therefore, most of the faculty should plan to offer their classes in that modality. We are also planning for and hope to achieve several exceptions, which will be offered on-campus, observing social-distancing and all other health protocols, via hybrid approaches:

- Science Labs (it may be necessary to conduct the actual classes on line, with the labs on campus)
- Nursing and Allied Health Clinical Labs (also perhaps in a hybrid format)
- Career-Technical Labs (also perhaps in a hybrid format)

The Presidents, Vice Presidents, Department Chairs, and others will be tasked with developing the details for this semester format. I must also point out that if COVID-19 spikes during the fall, other quick adjustments may need to be made in order to ensure the health and safety of our students, faculty, and supporting personnel, e.g., laboratory technicians, etc.

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