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## 4CD Maintains Indoor Mask Mandate for Summer Semester

MARTINEZ, CA – Due to recent outbreaks in workplaces and schools that are driving increases in COVID Omicron cases, the Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) has decided to continue their indoor mask mandate for the 2022 summer semester to maintain its focus on the health and safety of their students, staff and community.

"Despite more than two years of this pandemic, this is not the time to be complacent about COVID," said Interim Chancellor Mojdeh Mehdizadeh. "We can't wait to see the smiling faces of our students in the classroom, but we must do our part to minimize the spread of the Omicron variants and sub-variants by continuing to require this best practice to protect against the virus."

4CD will continue to follow the direction of the safety protocols established by Contra Costa Health Services, and make a decision later this summer on what safety and health measures will be in place for the 2022 fall semester. Course offerings will continue to be delivered inperson, hybrid, or fully online.

In addition to the indoor mask mandate, 4CD continues its student and employee mandate to be fully vaccinated, encourages people to stay home if you feel sick, and get tested. Thanks to the support of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, the District now has an ample supply of self-test kits available at all 4CD locations.

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The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) is one of the largest multi-college community college districts in California. 4CD serves a population of 1,019,640 people, and its boundaries encompass all but 48 of the 734-square-mile land area of Contra Costa County. 4CD is home to Contra Costa College in San Pablo, Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, as well as educational centers in Brentwood and San Ramon. 4CD headquarters are located in downtown Martinez. For more information, visit www.4cd.edu.