

October 30, 2020

Dear Mariner Family,

We would like to provide the following updates from the COVID-19 Compliance Task Force.

Task force members have completed the COVID-19 Safety Compliance Certificate Program Training offered by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, which is now posted at both campuses. Currently, we are waiting on the county to provide updated protocols for higher education institutions in anticipation of the move from Tier 1 to Tier 2. Once we receive this update, we will notify you of any changes.

Below are updates various departments:

Athletics

Athletic teams have been accessing the newly installed outdoor strength and conditioning equipment on the Oceanview Campus while following county protocols.

Facilities

Touchless hand soap dispensers and paper towel dispensers have been installed on the Oceanview Campus, with the Villas next on the agenda. The pool and newly opened strength and conditioning area were added to the cleaning protocols.

Human Resources

- Continue to use the QR code when on campus and/or at the Villas. This is useful for when we have to do contact tracing and send notification of possible exposure. Thank you for your diligence in using the system. This is critical to our ongoing response to the pandemic.
- Human Resources Director Karen Thordarson emailed faculty and staff information about an updated reimbursement policy for remote work and safe return supplies. Please read this email for details or contact HR.
- Additionally, an MCU short-term remote work agreement was distributed, clarifying expectations for all employees working remotely during the pandemic. The agreement should be reviewed, signed by the employee and supervisor, and sent to HR.

Residential Life @Villas

- New signage was posted in the Pavilion to remind residents to only sit with those within the same household.
- Personal protective equipment and supplies are available in the Pavilion and other frequently visited areas. Extra masks are available in the office.
- Resident assistants and Student Wellness Center staff conduct ongoing weekly check-ins with residents.
- A flu clinic was offered on October 7, 2020 for residents and faculty/staff. Services were provided by OceanFront Urgent Care in collaboration with Residential Life and Student Wellness Center staff.

Student Wellness Center

- We are working on contact tracing for any student that has had either a COVID-19 exposure and/or a positive COVID-19 test result reported to faculty, staff, athletics or the Student Wellness Center.
- We continue to work closely with athletics and current teams on campus, and to monitor MCU protocols in compliance with state and county guidance.

Task Force Recommendations

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health STRONGLY recommends that you obtain your flu shot this year. To find a low-cost or free immunization, call 2-1-1 or go to [PreventFluLA.com](https://www.preventflu.com). For a list of clinics that offer a no-cost flu immunization, [click here](#).

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

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