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SPRING 2022 AT SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO BEGIN ONLINE TO PROMOTE SAFETY DURING OMICRON SURGE

Starting **January 18th, 2022** Solano Community College will **start with online classes** for a period of **5 weeks**.

With the Omicron variant of COVID-19 spreading rapidly in California and Solano County, Solano Community College has decided to begin the first five weeks of the Spring 2022 semester online; classes officially start on January 18 and will be online through February 21 (returning to in-person instruction on February 22). Moving all classes and services online during this period will help students, faculty, and staff avoid exposure during this current surge in the virus.

Many classes for the Spring semester had already been scheduled as fully online; for these online courses, there is no change. For in-person or hybrid (part online and part in-person) classes, faculty will conduct the first five weeks of the class online and can begin in-person instruction beginning on February 22. The college will monitor changes in infection and hospitalization rates due to the pandemic and work with local public health officials to determine if additional measures are necessary.

“Our campus is taking every precaution to keep our students and faculty safe. By being proactive in these situations we can better protect our community and still deliver high quality education.” - **David Williams, Ph.D. (Vice President, Academic Affairs)**

A few academic programs may delay or retain in-person instruction as required by external licensing or governing bodies, while implementing vigorous preventive protocols. These programs include Aeronautics; Fire Academy; clinical/practicum experiences in Nursing, EMT, and Child Development; Auto Technology; Advanced Manufacturing; Welding; and Athletics. Students in these programs will be notified by their instructors about specific details.

The college will message students in a variety of ways in order to communicate this change to the Spring schedule. Chromebooks will be available for free checkout to students to help them participate in online learning and complete online assignments.

Please check www.Solano.edu/coronavirus for all updates concerning access to campus and other resources.

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Additional information about the Omicron variant and COVID-19 can be found at these links:

<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/california-extends-indoor-mask-mandate-until-mid-february-01641439548>

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Omicron-Variant-Fact-Sheet.aspx>

<https://doitgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=055f81e9fe154da5860257e3f2489d67>