



help safeguard student/employee health and safety, and Governor Gavin Newsom's office has ordered COVID-19 vaccination for all state employees.

"The District prioritizes the health and safety of its employees, students and the community," said Chancellor Greg Gillespie. "This mandate, along with other COVID safety protocols we've been practicing since the beginning of the pandemic, will help keep our communities safe."

The District will continue to adhere to indoor mask use following recommendations from the Ventura County Public Health department. Since mid-July, the department has urged community members to wear masks indoors in public spaces, regardless of their vaccination status, to reduce the spread of COVID and lower hospitalizations in Ventura County.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Delta variant caused between 80% and 87% of all COVID-19 cases across the country during the last two weeks of July—up from 8% to 14% in early June. The CDC continues to emphasize vaccines offer strong protection against serious illness or death.

### **Ventura County Community College District**

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