

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Palo Verde College District has continually monitored practices to ensure that we are in compliance with state and local health official's guidance. As we prepare for the return of limited classes, the District remains committed to these practices, as well as implementing additional measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. As we learn more about the COVID-19 virus during these extraordinary times, we must remain fluid and diligent in assessing safety precautions for our entire community. It is also critical that faculty, staff, and students assume personal responsibility in ensuring that we maintain a safe environment at all of our physical locations. Please take advantage of the information and resources outlined in this brochure to help with this important responsibility.

Dr. Don Wallace  
Superintendent/President



## STUDENTS, PLEASE STAY HOME IF...

Please do not come to campus if you or someone you have come in close contact with tests positive for COVID-19, or if you exhibit these symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Symptoms may take 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus to appear.

**STUDENTS, IF YOU TEST POSITIVE OR  
IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE BEEN  
EXPOSED TO COVID-19  
YOU CAN CONFIDENTIALLY REPORT THIS TO:**

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760-921-5533

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## OUR COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS

Taking care of our students is at the center of everything we do, and as the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to impact our communities, we want you to know we have taken the following steps to ensure your safety on campus:

- Increased sterilization and regular cleaning of classrooms and campus facilities with EPA approved disinfectants.
- Increased air circulation and filtration to minimize the spread of airborne pathogens.
- "Touch Free" Hand Sanitizer Dispensers throughout campus, including classrooms, for your convenience.
- Reduced class sizes & furniture placement for social distancing.
- Increased signage and guidance placed throughout campus to promote social distance for your safety and to limit gathering.

**FOR YOUR SAFETY AND  
THE SAFETY OF OTHERS  
PLEASE FOLLOW THE SIGNS  
AROUND CAMPUS. THEY  
ARE THERE FOR YOUR  
SAFETY AS WELL AS THE  
SAFETY OF OTHERS**

**PLEASE REPORT ANY SAFETY ISSUES OR CONCERNS TO:  
Mario Hale at [mario.hale@paloverde.edu](mailto:mario.hale@paloverde.edu) or 760-921-5409**

# WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

## HANDS:

Wash your hands with soap and clean running water for 20 seconds, rinse and dry well. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

## SOCIAL DISTANCING:

Maintain six (6) feet distance between yourself and anyone in the classroom or campus. When someone coughs or sneezes, they spray small respiratory droplets from their nose or mouth, which may contain the virus. If you are too close, you can inhale the droplets, including the COVID-19 virus if the person coughing is infected.

## MASKS:

The CDC recommends that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

## PPE:

Each student will be issued a PPE Kit that includes: disposable masks, PVC Pirate gaiter mask, hand sanitizer, disposable wipes, and a germ-free pen.

Additional masks will be available, when needed.

You can pick up your PPE kit at the following locations on-campus:

- CS Building - Front Desk
- Business Services Office
- Human Resources Office



# COMMUNITY TESTING

Testing for COVID-19 is available at:

- **Rite Aid (Free)**  
616 E. Hobsonway, Blythe CA  
(760) 922-9867
- **Palo Verde Hospital (Prescription required)**  
250 N 1st Street, Blythe, CA  
(760) 922-4115
- **Blythe Mart Pharmacy (See store for cost)**  
301 W. Hobsonway, Blythe, CA  
(760) 922-3511
- **La Paz Regional Hospital**  
1200 S. Mohave Avenue, Parker AZ 85344  
(928) 669-7300
- **Parker Walk-In Clinic**  
601 Riversie Drive, Suite 2, Parker AZ 85344  
(928) 315-7910
- **Tri-State Community Healthcare Center**  
1402 Bailey Avenue, Needles, CA 92363  
(760) 326-0222

You can find the links to these places and more at: <https://linktr.ee/biztechllatPVC>  
or scan the QR Code pictured below

## IF YOU SHOULD NEED ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT:

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# COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDE



**PALO VERDE COLLEGE**  
WHERE KNOWLEDGE TAKES ROOT AND OPPORTUNITY GROWS