To: PVCC_All
College Board

Attached you will find an email from VCCS Chancellor DuBois which was distributed on Friday, February 25. I am sending it to all PVCC faculty and staff after receiving feedback that it did not reach everyone.

Presented below is a summary of the Chancellor’s email and some clarification and detail on how we will implement this policy at PVCC.

1. The mask mandate at the 23 community colleges in the Virginia Community College System (including PVCC) will end Monday, March 14, 2022.

2. Beginning on March 14, PVCC will no longer require a mask or face covering to be worn when outdoors on campus or when inside any building on campus. In addition, masks will not be required in the space leased by PVCC at the Giuseppe Center and the Jefferson School.

3. Mask requirements at clinical sites and in correctional facilities are to be observed by all PVCC faculty, staff, and students.

4. Any individual may voluntarily choose to wear a mask or face covering. This individual decision is to be treated with respect and any ridicule or pressuring of that individual will not be tolerated.

5. Since the decision to wear or not wear a mask is now an individual decision, no one can require another individual to wear a mask and faculty and staff should refrain from encouraging students to wear masks or asking students to voluntarily wear a mask in a classroom.

6. All signs requiring or encouraging wearing a mask at PVCC are to be removed by 8 a.m., March 14.

The Chancellor’s decision to end the mask mandate which he imposed months ago is based on the most recent update to CDC guidelines. As he says in his email, we continue to recommend that everyone get fully vaccinated and boosted as the best way to keep oneself safe. We also recognize that should the situation warrant a change, the Chancellor reserves the right to revise policies relating to Covid.

The pandemic is not over. I hope we can see the light at the end of this two-year tunnel, but we just don’t know. Please stay safe and continue your great work with our students.

Frank