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RDP-21 NEWSLETTER



RDP-21 ADAPTING TO 2020

GENE FISHER
JOHN ZARAGOZA

RDP-21 remains committed to its mission but is changing the methods of communication and outreach. You can be assured that the work continues although without the

This newsletter has updates on activities of interest to the RDP-21 community such as updates on the Port of Hueneme, Coastal Trident and port modernization. The Ventura County Community College District provides an update on their response to COVID-19. Our impact on state-wide issues is strengthened by involvement with the California Defense Communities Alliance, which is, among other issues, advocating strongly for legislation improving opportunities for military spouse employment.



June 2020 Board Meeting (l. to r.) Gene Fisher, Tracy Beavers, Charlie Giacchi, Craig Hodson, Brian MacDonald, Al Vines, Supervisor John Zaragoza, Brian Miller, Jim McHugh, Bill Simmons, David Sasek, Charlotte Craven, Bob Engler, Celina Zacarias, Dick Hunt, Supervisor Kelly Long

visibility as in the past.

The monthly public meetings are not being held although we are working on safe and reliable means of conducting virtual meetings. We cannot predict when in-person meetings will be feasible. In the meantime, this newsletter is intended to give an update on all of the community activities relevant to RDP-21. Small group meetings, such as the RDP-21 Strategic Committee, now successfully meet via Zoom.

RDP-21 is organizing industry forums via partnerships with local military activities. Although the current environment provides challenges for conducting meetings, conferences and symposia, we are planning two events: an Innovation Discovery Event (IDE) in September, and the More Situational Awareness for Industrial Control Systems (MOSAICS) Industry Day in November.

Be assured that RDP-21 is energetically working issues related to our local military facilities, our military members and families and the support community. Although we did not have a trip/outreach to Washington DC officials this year, we continue to research local issues and communicate our concerns and proposals for actions through our lobbyist in Washington.



NBVC



NAVAL BASE VENTURA COUNTY 2020 AIR SHOW CANCELED

NAVAL BASE VENTURA COUNTY (July 27, 2020) – The Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) 2020 airshow scheduled for Oct. 3-4 is canceled due to ongoing public health concerns associated with the novel coronavirus, COVID-19.



"The health and safety of our audience were primary factors when making the difficult decision to cancel the air show this year. We appreciate the support of our local communities and hope to bring an airshow here in the years ahead," said Capt. Jeff Chism, NBVC Commanding Officer.

The airshow was to feature the U.S. Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron, "Blue Angels," the U.S.

Army Parachute Team, "Golden Knights," plus a variety of military and civilian aerial performances. Over its two-day run, the airshow was expected to draw more than 100,000 spectators.

Questions can be directed to the NBVC Public Affairs Office, (805) 989-9234.

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UPDATE ON EVENT SUPPORT

BILL SIMMONS

RDP -21 has Partnership Intermediary Agreements (PIAs) established with the Naval Surface Warfare Center – Port Hueneme Division (NSWC PHD) and the Port Hueneme Naval Facilities Engineering & Expeditionary Warfare Center (NAVFAC EXWC) to engage in community Partnership Strategies and conduct industry Forums. The areas of planning and participation also include collaborative technology innovation activities, technology marketing programs and showcases, and connections with small business and educational institution technology and capabilities. By conducting these activities, RDP-21 is able provide the local military Commands with linkages and logistic support to regional resources and efforts to catalyze accelerated development and advancement of new military capabilities.



NSWC PHD

VIRTUAL EVENT

On Aug. 12, NSWC PHD hosted a virtual Women's Equality Event featuring Ventura County Undersheriff Monica McGrath, Camarillo Asst. City Manager Carmen Nichols and NSWC PHD Office of Counsel Ms. Julianne Surane.

HOFFMAN RELIEVES ACEVEDO AS COMMANDING OFFICER NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER PORT HUENEME DIVISION

By James Marcum | NSWC Port Hueneme Division
July 1, 2020 Port Hueneme, Calif.



Capt. Andrew Hoffman relieved Capt. Ray Acevedo as commanding officer of Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division (NSWC PHD) June 30 during a small ceremony on station.

As commanding officer, Hoffman will lead a workforce of more than 2,600 sailors, Navy civilians, and contractors, supporting the U.S. Navy, Department of Defense stakeholders, and allied forces to ensure combat readiness and effectiveness for America's surface fleet.

"I am honored and privileged to work alongside an incredible team of professionals here at Port Hueneme

Division, who I now serve," said Hoffman in a post-ceremony address to the workforce. "I carry on the charge of driving our mission forward in lock-step with our Technical Director, Paul Mann."

Hoffman acknowledged the unique circumstances presented with assuming command during a pandemic.

"I take command at an unprecedented time in our Navy and our nation's history," said Hoffman. "The COVID-19 pandemic has altered the landscape of our enterprise, forced us to recalibrate, and work together in new and creative ways, but has also highlighted the resilience of our tremendous team."

NSWC PHD has been on maximum telework status since the middle of March, yet remains open for business to ensure constant fleet support is maintained.

"We have learned many things over the past several months, but what is now more apparent than ever is our ability to overcome any obstacle," he said. "Moving forward, I will continue to communicate regularly and in accordance with greater Navy and DOD directives to ensure the health and safety of our greatest asset; the people of this nation. Together we will continue to move forward in support of our Navy."

Hoffman is a native of Brandon, Miss. He attended the University of North Carolina, earning a Bachelor of Arts in public policy analysis and was commissioned in 1999. He also attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. where he earned a Master of Science in applied physics in 2006.

NSWC PHD is a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command and provides the U.S. Navy fleet with in-service engineering, test and evaluation, and product support for combat systems. The command is located at Naval Base Ventura County and oversees the Naval Agility (NavalX) Ventura Tech Bridge, which encompasses Fathomwerx Laboratory in partnership with the Port of Hueneme and other industry associates. The Ventura Tech Bridge is one of six new technical regions for the Navy announced in May, established to connect industry, academia and stakeholders with the U.S. Navy's nationwide NavalX network of partners. 



GROUND BREAKING FOR DIRECTED ENERGY SYSTEMS INTEGRATION LABORATORY (DESIL)

On May 5, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Naval Base Ventura County and Naval Air Warfare Center held

a groundbreaking at the site of the future Directed Energy Systems Integration Laboratory (DESIL) on Point Mugu. In consideration of physical distancing, only six participants attended however collaboration was at its height.

The Navy chose NBVC Point Mugu for DESIL over 13 other potential sites. DESIL has been a 10-plus-year effort that began at PHD. The lab will be built through a Military Construction contract with project completion expected April 2021. The lab will support directed energy and high energy laser systems and is a great win for PHD as it will enable us to execute our fleet support mission now and into the future.

The story appeared in Sea Power Magazine on July 20, 2020. <https://seapowermagazine.org/navys-only-directed-energy-lab-on-a-sea-test-range-breaks-ground-at-nbvc-point-mugu/>



USS Zumwalt (DDG 1000) made her first visit to NBVC Port Hueneme. The stage is set for tours of DDG 1000 for future visits when COVID 19 restrictions relax.



NSWC PHD

TECH BRIDGE NETWORK

On May 12, Mr. James Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (RD&A), announced Ventura County as one of six locations chosen for the expansion of the NavalX Tech Bridge Network.

TechBridge Ventura is facilitating strategic partnerships with NSWC PHD, Naval Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center and Naval Air Warfare Center as well as the highway 101

Technology Corridor.

TechBridge Ventura is based at the FATHOMWERX laboratory and includes 60,000 sq ft of space focused on rapid innovation and audacious projects designed to connect stakeholders with technical subject matter experts who might assist in developing solutions to address operational needs.



TOP SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS AWARD

On July 24, Mr. James Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (RD&A) presented the 2020 Dr. Delores Etter Top Scientists and Engineers awards. The virtual ceremony recognized scientists and engineers who have demonstrated superior accomplishments that are technically outstanding and highly beneficial operationally to the Department of the Navy, the

Department of Defense, and national defense.

From NSWC PHD's Office of Technology, Greg DeVogel, Socrates Frangis, Danny Clark, and Matthew Ward were the winners in the Group of Scientists from a Single Command category.



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RDP-21 WEBSITE



RDP-21 started a photo library of our General Meetings, Strategic Committee meetings and Board meetings; see here: <http://rdp21.org/news-and-resources-2/>

RDP-21 is now documenting events in support of our new Partnership Intermediary Agreements (PIAs) and the sponsorship of events per our mission; here are the pics from the Governor's Military Council Reception: <http://rdp21.org/governors-military-council/>
See EVENTS tab on web page: www.rdp21.org

NAVY LEAGUE



BOB QUINN

We are continuing our military and youth awards programs with consideration for COVID-19 restrictions and the lack of available assembly space. We continue to provide certificates and monetary recognitions through the local commands. We look forward to the return to normalcy.

If you want to get your updates out to the RDP-21 membership base, please send information to admin@rdp21.org by Friday, September 25, 2020 for our next newsletter in October.

CALIFORNIA DEFENSE COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE



CRAIG HODSON

More than a dozen nonprofit organizations came together to form the California Defense Communities Alliance (CDCA) in 2019 with the shared mission of supporting

the Department of Defense presence in communities throughout California while advocating on behalf of military members and veterans in their communities. Organizations work together under the CDCA umbrella to advance collaboration and communication among the military, elected officials, and other community leaders to enhance an understanding of the many contributions Defense organizations make to California.

CDCA mission is to support, promote, and represent the interests of our Defense organizations throughout California while advocating

on behalf of those that serve or have served in these organizations. CDCA will advance the collaboration and communication between the military, our elected and appointed officials, and our communities while working to enhance the recognition of the many contributions Defense Organizations make to California and our Nation.

CDCA is building membership while working state-wide issues of interest to military organizations, military members, veterans and families.

RDP-21 is an active participant in CDCA to ensure our military needs are heard at the state level.

CDCA and Military Spouse Licensing

Working on behalf of our California's defense installations, military members and local communities

is critically important this year as we all face the current challenges. CDCA is pursuing actions that can help our communities and military families by pursuing reciprocal licensing for those already licensed by other state's licensing or certifying agencies. Improving license practices has become an expeditious way of meeting skilled labor needs during the shortages occurring now. The state's interest is strongly aligning with CDCA's interest in removing obstacles to spouse employment. How far legislation can proceed as a permanent solution is unknown due to the limitations on legislative meetings and actions at this time.

With regard to employment licensing matters, there are four general types of proposed legislation:



to Physical Therapists).

- Shall issue reciprocal licenses (AB2185 applies to all fields not now issuing reciprocal licenses except nurses and fields not in a compact)

- Shall issue temporary licenses (AB2549 includes many fields including veterinary medicine, cosmetology, reciprocity) (AB3045 includes all fields not subject to temporary licensing provisions)

- Administrative matters (SB1324 adds icon to web sites as link for more information) (AB2631 prohibits fees) (AB2708 extends teacher requirement one year).

CDCA endorsed the current active legislative bill proposals, and will continue to support legislative actions aligned with support for military members

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and spouses. Several of the bills are progressing but legislative actions are limited this year.

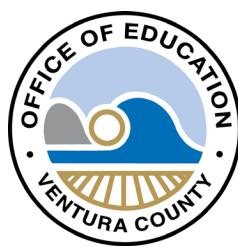
Of course, data you may hold or be able to obtain including anecdotal experiences help build the arguments in favor of legislative actions. Licensing

and certifying agencies need to know that lengthy procedures, arbitrary requirements and yet more duplicative testing has a negative impact on families but also state readiness and response in emergency situations.



VENTURA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAM

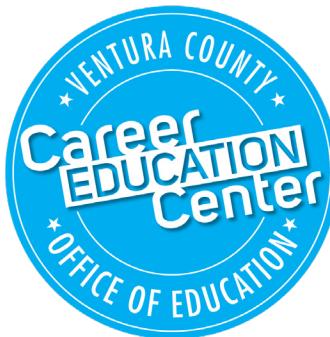


LAURIE ARNOLD,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
CAREER EDUCATION
CENTER

The Ventura County Office of Education Career Education Program continues to work with NavAIR, NavSEA, and NavFAC collaborating to produce events as well as communicating information to districts around the county in support of STEM activities. On July 27, a team of STEM leaders met to review K12 STEM efforts, clarify our shared vision, and identify opportunities for collaboration. Participants included: Vance Brahosky and Ramon Flores of NavSEA; Carina Morgan of NavFAC; Diana Sliva, Angel Zamarron, and Anthony Straight of NavAIR; and Laurie Arnold of VCOE. This team continues to communicate frequently on STEM projects.

Moving into the 2020-2021 school year, we have several exciting items moving forward. With regard for coursework for high school students, courses at the Career Education Center, CEC, are being taught using a distance learning platform, with all instruction from home until Ventura County school reopen. A new course Advanced Naval Technology is being offered at the CEC as a collaborative effort with NavAIR. Curriculum helps students understand Navy culture and introduces concepts including radar, lidar, hypersonics, marine

materials, and cybersecurity. The CEC Unmanned Aerial Vehicle class is working with NavSEA and Allen Jaeger to move to the Fathomwerx facility due to the closure of the CSUCI campus, where the course has been held in the past, and we are exploring a possible more permanent navy collaboration for the UAV program. The CEC Aviation course is on hold temporarily this fall and we expect to resume it soon. The CEC develops the Robotics Technology course curriculum for many schools around the county, and this summer a teacher team worked to upscale the curriculum and move it to an online platform to support distance learning.



For 2020-2021 events, VCOE is planning for the annual Hackathon coding event to be conducted virtually. We are working collaboratively with FIRST Robotics with the spring regional competition slated to take place in person in spring 2021, albeit on a smaller scale, with fewer live participants. VCOE Career Education is working with all three Tri-Warfare Centers in support of the annual events to determine if they will

be held live or virtually, including the Tri-Warfare Middle School Challenge and the Seaglide Competition, the latter involving underwater autonomous vehicles at the annual Marine Advanced System Technology (MAST) event.

VCOE Career Education understands the challenge of recruiting employees outside of the local area due to the high cost of living in the region, and recognizes the need to cultivate a local STEM workforce creating a talent pipeline with ties to the community who are more likely to remain in careers locally. We strive to support the work that has been conducted at our local navy bases for nearly 80 years.



RDP-21 STRATEGIC COMMITTEE

RICHARD HUNT
CHAIRMAN

The RDP-21 Strategic Committee (RDP-SC) usually meets monthly following the general membership meeting. The function of the RDP-SC is simply to advocate (protect, preserve, promote and proselytize) for the military assets in Ventura County. RDP-SC is engaged in everything from attracting new work to fighting against proposed activities that would be detrimental to the bases, programs or personnel.

RDP-SC utilizes subject matter expertise to analyze real and potential situations and then may undertake a number of activities ranging from a simple informational campaign to working to change the policies or statute for the betterment of the bases. To see some of the past activities go to:
<http://rdp21.org/accomplishments/>.

Currently RDP-SC is working on:

- Developing informational papers in multiple areas
- Innovation Discovery Event (IDE) - September 10 (Laser Mounting Fixture/Modular Locking Device/WaterJet Counter UAS)
- Coastal Trident (CT) - Advanced Naval Technology Exposition (ANTX) -Sept. 15-17
- More Situational Awareness for Industrial Control Systems (MOSAICS) Joint Capability Technology Demonstration (JCTD) – November 3 & 4
- Planning & scheduling speakers for upcoming general membership meetings

- NAVAIR Partnership Intermediary Agreement (PIA) (PIA's obtained with NAVSEA/NAVFAC EXWC)
- Investigating Virtual Meeting Platforms
- Technology Consortium (OTA)
- Beach erosion/harbor dredging
- MAFFS/Economy Act



Current committee members:

Bryan Allen - USAF COL (Ret)
 Steve Beal - USN CAPT (Ret)
 Karen Brower - DoN (Ret)
 Terry Clark - DoN SES (Ret)
 Bill Cuneen - USN CMDR (Ret)
 Jack Dodd - USN CAPT (Ret)
 Gene Fisher - DoN (Ret) CO-Chair RDP-21
 Dr. Darrell Gooden - DoN (Ret)
 Laura Hernandez - Mayor Port Hueneme, Former VC Sheriff's Dept EOC
 Craig Hodson - DoN (Ret)
 Richard (Dick) Hunt - Chairman Strategic Committee
 Brian Miller - Chief of Staff/Supervisor Kelly Long
 Bob Quinn- USN CAPT (Ret)
 Palmer Pinckney II - Public Affairs Officer, Naval Facilities Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center
 Dr. Bill Simmons - I-Prise Communications, RDP-21 Project Development
 Tim Stolsig - DoN (Ret)
 Al Vines - DoN (Ret)



NBVC

FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION CONDITION C

Naval Base Ventura County remains at force health protection condition C in accordance to Commander Navy Installations Command guidance and based on Ventura County's coronavirus (COVID-19) case numbers. Access to the installation is limited at this time. Fitness and recreation facilities are operating at reduced capacity and remain open to active-duty only, by

appointment. The NEX barbershop is also serving active-duty only based on the health protection condition. When the coronavirus pandemic subsides, and Ventura County positivity rates decline, the installation will request approval to downgrade their force health protection condition from higher headquarters. Once approved, recreation, fitness, and barbershop facilities will begin to open to individuals, including military retirees, who are eligible to access those facilities. Thank you for understanding temporary restraints designed to protect the health of the active-duty force and their families during a pandemic.



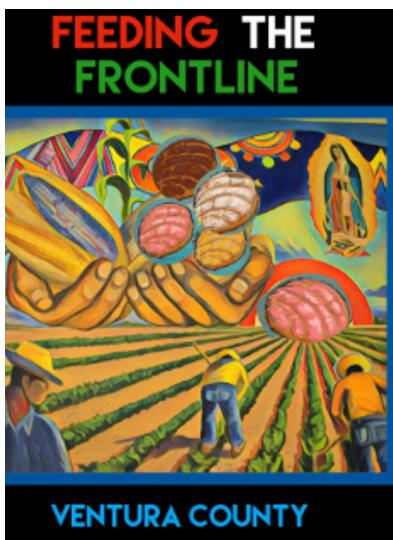
THE PORT OF HUENEME OXNARD HARBOR DISTRICT



**The Port
OF HUENEME**
Oxnard Harbor District

PORt OF HUENEME COMMUNITY OUTREACH

COMMUNITY OUTREACH-COVID-19 RESPONSE “FEEDING THE FRONTLINE” EVENTS



- Prior to the Covid-19 crisis, Del Monte's operation at the Port of Hueneme had already donated 1,077,474 pounds of fresh produce (32,469 boxes) to Ventura County's Food Share. The Port of Hueneme assisted with connecting partners Del Monte. Del Monte, local farmworker

healthcare provider Clinicas del Camino Real, local restaurants and other agencies in March agreed that farmworker relief was a top priority. From this came the “Feeding the Frontline”

- 20+ events have been held on the weekends since March/April as distribution efforts all over Ventura County
- 15,000+ farm worker families assisted with food and



hygiene products to families across Ventura county

- 300 + tons of fresh produce and bananas distributed in the past 4 months
- 100+ community volunteers engaged in port's community drive.

PORTS 2030 STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The Port is currently updating its 2020 Strategic Business plan to the 2030 Strategic Business plan to foster the growth of the Port's maritime commerce, which contributes to the economic vitality of the District and the cities of Port Hueneme and Oxnard, as well as Ventura County. The Port is working with its stakeholders, to develop the Plan which will continue looking into implementing strategies that produce notable job growth, expansion of trade and new markets, leadership in the environmental initiatives with its Environmental Management Framework and the Maritime Advanced System Technology (MAST) program.

The Port has been conducting interviews with customers, community partners, port partners, stakeholders, and other key participants in the region to ensure the final plan will incorporate all points of view. The Port has found this feedback to be invaluable in ensuring a successful outcome for the broader community. The 2030 Plan draft will be released for public comment later this year for review and comments.



THE PORT OF HUENEME OXNARD HARBOR DISTRICT



COASTAL TRIDENT

Coastal Trident 2020 has seen challenges in demonstration and experimentation due to COVID-19. With that, many modules have been delayed. Some modules have been modified to adapt to the CV-19 protocols/guidance. Last month the Port was able to still hold its Annual Security Exercise via Coastal Trident through a combination of socially distanced in person and web conference table top. This successful exercise involved members from USCG, CBP, PHPD, USN, Allied Universal, Port of Hueneme Harbormaster, Port of Hueneme COO, Port of Hueneme FSO/Operations Manager, Port of Hueneme PIO. The exercise was a table top in an effort to determine SOP protocols for the Port. The table top was the first of its kind for the Port and Coastal Trident. A focused exercise with real world applications of timeliness and currency.

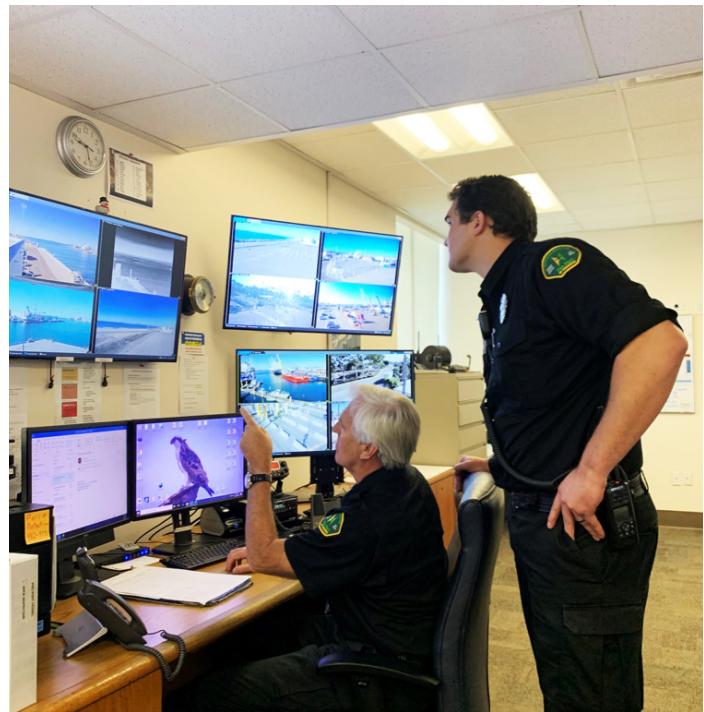


PART MODERNIZATION

As part of the Port's commitment to environment, Port's Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of the first two zero-emission heavy duty Port trucks in Ventura County. These US-made Kalmar battery-powered trucks will help move containers of fresh produce around the

Port while producing zero pollution. The trucks are part of a project in conjunction with the Port of Los Angeles funded by the California Air Resources Board. (photo attached)

PORT OF HUENEME LANDS \$1.68M FEMA GRANT - FUNDS FOR STATE-OF-THE ART ACCESS CONTROLS & SMART SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY



This year's grant is the largest security grant the Port has received in its 83 year history. Aimed to achieve the goal of a secure and resilient nation, the funding will aid the Port in modernizing their security, including improvements to the main gate entrance, and upgrading the Port's CCTV surveillance system with cutting-edge technology.

<https://www.portofhueneme.org/fema-grant-july-2020/>



VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FALL SEMESTER MOORPARK • OXNARD • VENTURA

THE CURRENT STATUS OF REMOTE WORK FOR EMPLOYEES

**DR. DAVID EL FATTAL
VICE CHANCELLOR**

The current status of remote work for employees will continue through fall semester unless changes in pandemic conditions and orders from state and local government and public health change. Only Designated Essential employees will be working on-site. Each location will update the list as needed to accommodate more personnel on campus necessary for the limited on-site instruction that will be occurring. As we continue working differently, there may also be adjustments to work responsibilities to meet priorities and needs. Administration at each location will work with employees, Union representatives, and Human Resources as needed to address any unique individual circumstances.

Fall semester operations will be implemented within the following key points.

1. Most courses and programs will be offered in online/virtual formats for fall semester 2020 with limited exceptions.
2. Some courses and programs that require on-site instruction due to certification/accreditation requirements or have no virtual alternative to provide required skill development may have limited in-person activities.
3. Any courses and programs requiring limited on-site instruction must complete a plan for approval. The plan must address how appropriate safety and health precautions will be met. Plan components will include personal protective equipment, physical distancing, limits on group size, and cleaning/disinfecting measures that will be incorporated with the instructional activities. The plans must also comply with the standards in current state and local government and public health orders. The plans must be approved by the college President and brought forward to Chancellor's Cabinet for review. Plans approved by Chancellor's Cabinet will be forwarded to Ventura County Public Health for review. Courses/programs that have already been approved by Cabinet and submitted to Public Health may continue.
4. Counseling and all student services operations will continue to primarily work remotely.
5. Computer and learning labs may provide limited student access as long as operations address safety and health precautions as described in item 3 above.
6. College Child Development Centers will not be open due to current restrictions on the number of children per staffing requirements.
7. College libraries will continue to operate mainly remotely.
8. Student Health Centers will operate according to their current plans.
9. Only designated essential employees will continue to work on-site to ensure the safe operation, maintenance, and cleaning of our facilities and the continuance of essential business services. In accordance with State and local orders, all employees and students on-site are required to wear facemasks.
10. Colleges and the District Office will immediately begin evaluating work and service areas and install appropriate protective barriers and social distancing demarcations at student and public facing counters and work areas in preparation for a phased-in increase of employees and students on-site that may occur later in the new school year.
11. Community markets at Oxnard and Ventura colleges may reopen with reduced number of vendors and implementation of social distancing policies.
12. No fall semester sports seasons will be held.

