[DLIST-L] UCSB COVID-19 Prevention Plan and Worksite Specific Safety Plan (WSSP) (On Behalf of Garry Mac Pherson, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services)

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September 28, 2020

TO: Campus Community

FR: Garry Mac Pherson, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services

RE: UCSB COVID-19 Prevention Plan and Worksite Specific Safety Plan (WSSP)

On August 7, 2020 the California Department of Public Health, in conjunction with CAL/OSHA, released a guidance document for Institutes of Higher Education on how to plan and prepare to resume in-person instruction. As a result, our campus developed the UCSB COVID-19 Prevention Plan. This plan is an over-arching document for the entire campus which provides general guidance and mitigation strategies to limit the transmission of the COVID-19 virus. This includes, but is not limited to, the importance of physical distancing, use of face coverings, providing/enhancing knowledge of campus personnel (faculty, staff, students) about COVID-19, development of COVID-19 reporting requirements, installation of instructional/informational signage, and importance of cleaning.

In addition, a Worksite Specific Safety Plan (WSSP) was created as a template to assist departments with the development of their location specific work plan to ensure compliance with all local and state requirements for re-opening. Instructions to complete and submit, as well as how areas will receive approval, will be shared in a future announcement. No action is needed now on the WSSP. After these instructions are shared, Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) will be available to answer questions and provide general guidance with completing the document. EHS does not provide approval, or permission for departments to return to campus.

Questions regarding the WSSP should be emailed to: ehs-covid19wssp@ucsb.edu