## Attendance Accounting Basics

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- CPE 2.0 hours
- Polling Questions
- Enter questions and suggest future webinar topics

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- This presentation is being recorded
- Webinar will be available on CCCCO Fiscal & Policy webpage and at the Vision Resource Center







## **Polling Question #1**





#### Attendance Accounting Basics

#### COVID-19 Attendance Accounting Allowances



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#### Attendance Accounting for the California Community Colleges



## Polling Question #2



#### **COVID-19 Attendance Accounting Allowances**

**Executive Order** 

<u>Temporary Suspension of Student Withdrawal Regulations</u>

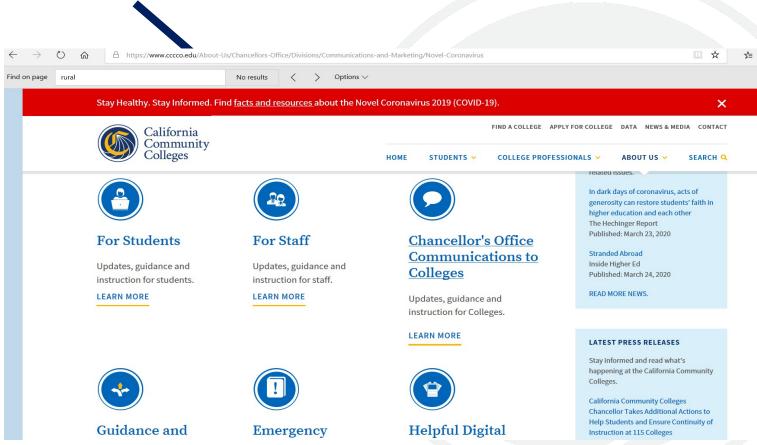
COVID-19 Guidance

- <u>Clarification on Apportionments, Withdrawals, and Student Fee Refunds</u>
- <u>Attendance Accounting Implications and Guidance (revised)</u>
- FAQ: Attendance Accounting Emergency Conditions
- <u>Protections for Apportionment Calculations</u>



# Where to find future memos?

https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Communications-and-Marketing/Novel-Coronavirus





## Summary of COVID-19 Allowances

- Excused Withdrawals (EW) count toward apportionment
- Most courses in progress and converted to Distance Education (DE) retain original attendance accounting procedures
- Positive Attendance courses converted to Asynchronous DE
  - Course in progress at March 13 = can estimate
  - Course was not in progress at March 13 = Alternative Attendance accounting procedure
- CCFS-320 P2 Due Date was extended to May 4, 2020
- Can use 2019-20 P1 FTES for the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) apportionment at P2 and Recal



#### COVID-19 – Student Withdrawals

- For Weekly and Daily Census, districts can claim FTES as of the course census date even if the student withdraws due to the COVID-19 outbreak and receives no evaluative symbol or EW
- Districts cannot claim FTES for apportionment purposes if the class did not start and was cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak.



### COVID-19 – Converted Courses Attendance Accounting Procedures

**Attendance Accounting Procedures** 

- Weekly and daily census courses converted to online instruction
  - Apply original attendance accounting method
  - Census dates may not be moved
- Positive Attendance course converted to Synchronous DE
  - Continue to apply positive attendance accounting
- Positive Attendance courses converted to Asynchronous DE
  - Courses in progress at March 13 may estimate contact hours
  - Courses starting after March 13 use Alternative Attendance Accounting Method

Courses that did not start by March 13 and were cancelled do NOT count toward apportionment



#### Recommended Estimation Method for Positive Attendance Courses converted to Asynchronous DE

- Estimation is for courses that are in progress as of March 13, 2020
- Recommend using the Chancellor's Office estimation method
- FTES should be entered in CCFS-320 Part IV Actual Hours of Attendance
- Retain supporting documentation used to develop the estimation
- Estimation and supporting documentation is subject to audit
- Chancellor's Office will request additional documentation for discrepancies from prior year calculations



#### Recommended Estimation Method for Positive Attendance Courses converted to Asynchronous DE

- For each course, use the average of the contact hours generated in the same course or a similar course in the last three course offerings
- For new courses or courses offered inconsistently
  - colleges can use data from a similar course and include a brief explanation of why the course was chosen.



### Student Centered Funding Formula Protections for Apportionment Calculations

- CCFS-320 P1 FTES may be used for 2019-20 SCFF apportionment certifications at P2 and at Recal
- Districts must submit the COVID-19 Emergency Conditions Allowance Form



## **Final Polling Question**





## **Fiscal & Policy Webinar Series**

Watch for announcements for Future Webinars

#### 2019-20 CDAM Updates

Friday, May 8 CPE – 2.0 hours

- Overview of the 2019-20 Contracted District Audit Manual.
- Federal Updates
- New SCFF Data Management Control Environment audit procedure
- Impact of COVID-19 on attendance accounting audit procedures

