

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MINUTES

California Association of DECA, Inc.
Emergency Board of Directors Meeting
Virtual
January 10th, 2022

Members present

Bradley Fulk	Brycen Woodley	Ed Trang	Maureen Rankin
Kerry Moquett	Molly Anderson	Jeffrey Baughman	Kim Frahm
Dennis Mifflin	Michael Acheatel	Juston Glass	

Meeting called to order at 4:06PM

Agenda to discuss NorCal District CDC in light of the surge in the Omicron variant of COVID-19.

Kerry mentioned students were concerned about fairness since some districts were able to compete at an in-person conference already with the SoCal and SV conferences. Students mentioned being okay with a virtual opening and awards ceremony but competing in person seems to be the most important element.

Ed mentioned that we have heard from parents who are concerned about the safety of an in-person event considering COVID. We did not have any issues with attendees complying with the local and state COVID guidelines during either the SoCal or SV conferences. Both conferences were held in accordance with all guidelines and attendees followed the guidelines. The Management Team believes that will also be the case for the NorCal Conference, but there are concerns about being able to have enough judges for the experience at NorCal. We could be low on judge numbers. Molly mentioned concerns that people serving as judges may not be experts in an area and we may not be able to create as high quality of a conference as normal.

There were logistical challenges that arose during the SoCal and SV conferences due to judge shortages and last-minute attendee cancellations related to COVID, but the general consensus was that the students and advisors felt it was a positive experience and enjoyed the conferences.

It was mentioned that for us to justify going virtual with NorCal, there would need to be something that dictated the need for that change, such as a change in CDC regulations or county guidelines, but at present all NorCal plans are in accordance with current guidelines.

At this time our plans for the NorCal conference are in keeping with local and state mandates related to COVID. There are no mandates that prevent us from holding the conference based on the current plans. Protocols are in place for the conference which are in keeping with local and state guidelines with the emphasis on doing all we can to ensure a safe and secure event.

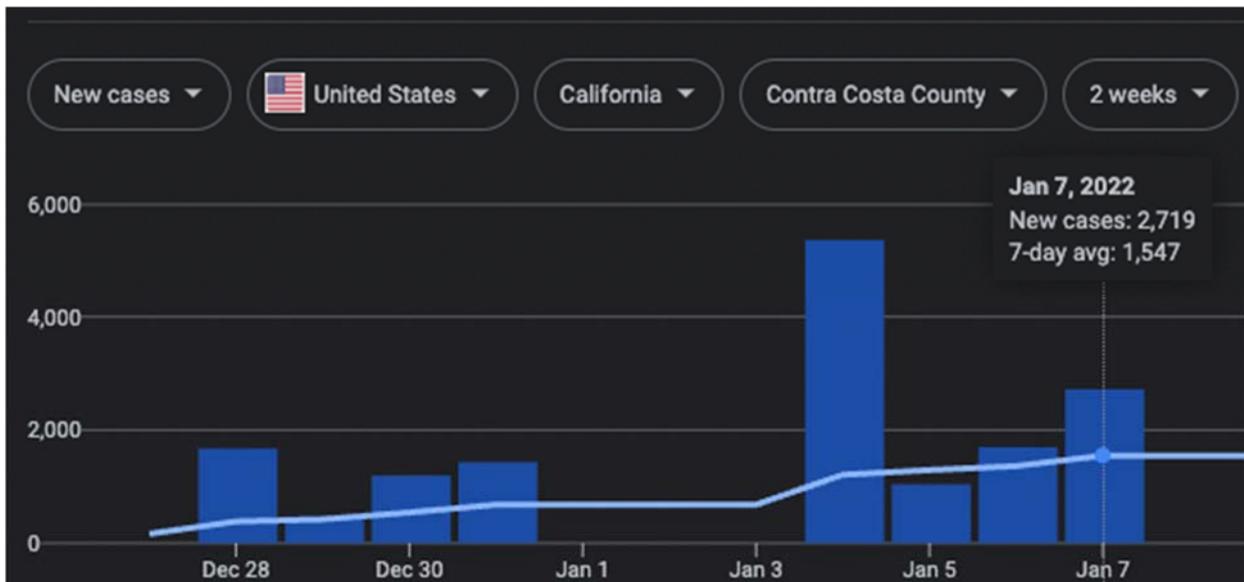
Brycen mentioned that there were two schools in SoCal that had to drop last minute. The judge situation in both SoCal and SV was challenging and the number of student drops/cancellations was substantial and challenging to manage as well, but overall, the conferences were successful.

There were many phone calls fielded from upset parents who felt we were not realizing the state of Omicron right now. The shortages in workers/helpers are challenging as well. Advisors are likely going to have to do more than normal to make the conference run. Brycen said that they were confident that they could make the conference work, even if there were challenges.

Molly mentioned that we needed to keep pushing the recruitment of new judges. Brycen noted that they are working hard on this, but people are dropping faster than they can find replacements at this point.

Brycen noted that Contra Costa County guidelines do require negative test or vaccinations for all attendees

Dennis wants to document current COVID statistics for future reference:





At this point the board agreed that it is in the best interest of the students to proceed as planned with the NorCal conference. The meeting was adjourned at 4:41PM.