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January 23, 2023

Dear Río Hondo College Community,

We are greatly saddened by the horrific news of the mass shooting that took place in Monterey Park, CA on the night of Jan. 21. On behalf of the Río Hondo Community College District and our Board of Trustees, we offer our condolences and deepest sympathies to the families of the victims and send our deepest regards to those who have been injured.

Río Hondo College embraces diversity, inclusion and anti-racism within our community and at a time when the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community was celebrating Lunar New Year, we know this incident has caused profound pain, fear, and sadness. We stand in solidarity with our AAPI community and will honor the victims by running our flags at half-staff until Thursday to commemorate and honor their lives.

Río Hondo College is also committed to the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff because we know that mental health is of paramount importance. To any of our students experiencing difficulties with this or other life events – please visit our [Student Psychological Services](#) either in-person or online.

Two Healing Circles for students will be held this week. The first, will be held tomorrow, January 24th, in person at 12:00 p.m. in Room SS207. The second, will be held virtually on Wednesday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m. (Zoom ID: 872 5641 5827). Both Healing Circles will be hosted by Glenn Heap, LMFT.

We also offer mental health services to our employees through our [Employee Assistance Program](#).

In light of this tragedy, we hope that our entire community can rise up, embrace one another, and become even stronger than before.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Flores, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President

Río Hondo College's Student Health Center
will offer two



Healing Circles

Monterey Park Mass Shooting




A SAFE SPACE FOR STUDENTS TO SHARE
THOUGHTS, FEELINGS & OPINIONS TO
HELP PROCESS THIS TRAGEDY.

In person - SS207

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 12:00 pm

Virtually - Zoom ID: 872 5641 5827

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.



Hosted by Glenn Heap, LMFT.

For more information call

Student Health Center, (562) 908-3438.