

Students,

This communication contains important information that directly impacts you regarding a SUNY COVID-19 vaccine mandate. As you may be aware, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gave full approval for the Pfizer vaccine on Monday, August 23 (<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-approves-first-covid-19-vaccine>).

In response, and to keep our learning communities as safe as possible for all, the State University of New York (SUNY) has mandated that within 35 days all on-campus students must i) complete a vaccine series; or ii) provide evidence of having already completed a full vaccine series; or iii) submit a request for and receive approval for an exemption from the vaccination requirement based on a legitimate medical or religious basis. The 35-day grace period began on August 23 and will extend through Monday, September 27th, 2021.

The vaccination mandate applies to all students who fall into one or more of these categories:

- Are enrolled in at least one, on-campus class (this includes Early College Career Academy/P-TECH programs on campus)
- Plan to utilize any in person services at any one of our campus locations
- Live in the residence halls
- Participate in intercollegiate athletics

If you fall into any of the categories listed above, you have until September 27, 2021, to provide proof of vaccination status, complete all doses of any vaccine currently available (In the US: Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson/Janssen), or have an approved COVID-19 religious or medical exemption on file with the college. If you have not yet been vaccinated, you should act immediately.

If you do not comply, you will be removed from your on-campus classes, residence hall, and/or athletic team and refunded in accordance with the SUNY refund policy (25% refund through September 28th, no refund from September 29th on).

Note: Once the usual add/drop period ends, there is no option to switch to remote learning. Students may not request a change in course modality, nor will faculty be able to accommodate such requests.

COVID vaccines are available at many pharmacies and retail stores. Go to <https://www.vaccines.gov/search/> to find where to get a vaccine near you.

If you've already completed a vaccination series or are in process:

- SUNY has a secure way for you to provide proof of your COVID 19 vaccination. This information will be accessed by our registrar's office and, like other immunization records, become part of your student record. To submit proof of your COVID vaccination, please visit: <https://suny.edu/StudentVaccinationPass/>. Please contact the Registrar's Office, registrar@sunyacc.edu if you have any questions or issues with uploading your vaccination proof through this portal.

If you have not started a vaccination series but intend to:

- If you are choosing a two-shot series, you must receive the first shot no later than September 6, 2021 to be in compliance. Once you've had the first shot (Moderna/Pfizer) or one shot (Johnson & Johnson) notify the Registrar's office immediately at registrar@sunyacc.edu so we can document your compliance.

Note: you can remain enrolled in on campus courses (until September 27, 2021) while in process of completing the vaccination series and will be subject to weekly COVID 19 testing until you are considered fully vaccinated.

If you do not intend to pursue a vaccination, your options are as follows:

1. Contact advising@sunyacc.edu to talk with an advisor about moving your classes to remote (options are available, but limited). This should be done prior to the start of classes on September 8, 2021.
2. Pursue an exemption option, click here to read more: [Exemption information](#)

At this time, nearly 97% of our on campus employees have been vaccinated. We look forward to welcoming our students, faculty and staff back to campus and a fully vaccinated campus community creates a safe and robust learning environment for all to thrive.