

Subject: Fall 2022 Student Vaccination Requirement Update

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To SUNY Poly Students,

As SUNY Poly formulates its detailed COVID-19 plan for the fall 2022 semester to align with state, SUNY, and local health mandates, please read about the updated vaccination requirements for the semester:

Vaccination Requirement

Any student who will have an on-campus presence, who has not already done so, must submit proof of at least the initial course of COVID-19 vaccination(s), preferably by August 1, 2022, but no later than your arrival on campus or the start of classes, August 29, 2022, whichever is earlier. The initial course of vaccination includes: a one-dose Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine, the two-dose Pfizer/BioNTech or Moderna vaccines, or other authorized vaccine series. Acceptable proof of vaccination includes: a picture or photocopy of the front of the vaccination card, a copy of your COVID-19 immunization record, immunization report, or a screenshot of an [Excelsior Pass](#). If you are currently in the process of completing your vaccination, you must provide proof of full vaccination immediately upon completion. All students are strongly encouraged to get and stay up to date with COVID-19 booster shots.

Please submit proof of vaccination to the Wellness Center, Suite 217 Campus Center or by fax: (315) 792-7371 or email: wellnesscenter@sunypoly.edu.

- Proof of vaccination must be provided prior to August 29, 2022, or earlier if engaging in early return campus activities such as intercollegiate athletics or moving into the Residence Halls.

In addition, Albany campus-based students may have additional requirements to follow as a result of our shared services agreements with the University at Albany; [their COVID-19 protocols can be found here](#).

Students enrolled in any program, course, or who are participating in a clinical/internship that is held at a third party location, must comply with any additional health and safety guidelines applicable, including any vaccination protocols in place.

Students Who are 100% Online

If you are 100% online and will not be physically present on campus during the Fall 2022 semester (which includes office hours, athletics, working on campus, and/or to utilize services such as the library, fitness center, gym, or dining), you are required to complete the [Fully Remote Attestation](#).

Students who choose not to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are permitted to enroll in online courses only (no in-person classes) and are not permitted to access any in-person campus activities or services. Beside courses already offered remotely, additional remote learning options will not be provided for students who are not vaccinated against COVID-19.

Vaccination Exemptions

Students may request an exemption from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for medical or religious reasons. Any SUNY Poly student with a legitimate and documentable medical or religious reason why they cannot receive the COVID-19 vaccine has until *August 1, 2022*, to submit an exemption request by utilizing the medical (available by request from wellnesscenter@sunypoly.edu) or religious exemption (available by request from studentaffairs@sunypoly.edu) request forms. Detailed information is required to be provided. New students or those with extenuating circumstances prohibiting them from submitting an exemption request by the deadline must notify Wellness (medical) or Student Affairs (religious) immediately. Students who fail to comply with the vaccination mandate or who did not receive an approved exemption will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Vaccinations for the SUNY Poly campus community will help us to experience active participation in the life of the campus community and provide a healthier living and learning experience. We will share with you the full *Fall 2022 Plan* soon with additional requirements, such as regular testing schedules and other pertinent information for your arrival through the end of the semester.

Sincerely,

The Office of Student Affairs
SUNY Polytechnic Institute