

## Fall 2021 Vaccination Standards

In order to maximize vaccination rates amongst our college community, Seattle Colleges and all the incorporated campuses have decided to be a “COVID19 vaccinated campus”. What this means is that all students, employees, contractors, and educational partners must be fully-vaccinated (regardless of remote work or remote learning status). Two exemptions are allowed that would accommodate legally protected religious rights or a disability that would prevent a person from being able to safely get a vaccine. Exemptions are not available for philosophical purposes.

All **students** are required to [report their vaccination status or request an exemption](#) by Nov. 1, 2021. Students who do not comply by Nov. 1, may be unable to register for Winter Quarter 2022 classes. See the video on *how-to submit your immunization information* by [clicking here](#). For handout instructions, [click here](#).

All **employees, contractors, and educational partners** are required to show [proof of COVID19 vaccination](#) status or request an accommodation (and be approved) by Oct. 18, 2021. For further details about employee vaccination verification process and vaccine exemptions requests, go to <https://www.seattlecolleges.edu/administration/human-resources/covid-19-vaccination-requirement-employees>. For privacy reasons, do not send your proof of vaccination to supervisors or human resources without explicit request and instruction.

Those who no longer have [proof of COVID19 vaccination](#) can find alternative proof here: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Immunization/ChildProfileHealthPromotion/ForParents/AccessyourFamiliesImmunizationInformation> or call 1-833-VAX-HELP (1-833-829-4357).

### Deadlines

To be fully-vaccinated means that 14 days have passed since receiving the final required vaccine dose. At this point, there are only two choices left for employees who haven't had their first dose of a vaccine. If you have not done so already, get vaccinated. In order to be fully vaccinated by the Oct. 18 deadline, these employees must have either:

- Pfizer -- deadline for the first dose is ~~Monday, Sept. 13~~ this time has passed
- Johnson & Johnson -- deadline for vaccination is **Monday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>**

## Each day before campus entry

The following requirements are infection control measures implemented to prevent campus access by individuals confirmed or suspected to be infected with COVID19. Each day (ideally before you come to campus) fill out the [Daily Wellness Screening](#) Form available at <https://forms.office.com/r/7UvrsHYY02>.

**A QR-code to access the Daily Wellness Screening is available here:**

This form serves not only to educate and screen people who experience COVID19-like symptoms, but also to collect important information necessary for contact-tracers to effectively respond to an on-campus COVID19 case report. By providing your own personal phone number and contact information, the contact-tracers will be able to directly notify you if they find you might have been exposed. The collected data is available



– only – to trained public health professionals. The information is held to ADA/FERPA confidentiality standards and will not be shared with any other parties. For more details see the section titled “what happens when H&S is notified of a COVID19 case or illness,” in the [infection control program](#).

- Anyone who experiences COVID19-like symptoms should get tested for COVID19 and do not come to campus until **10 days after symptoms first started** (for more information see the section titled “isolation requirements” in the [infection control program](#)).
  - If you still have fever after that, stay home **until 24 hours have passed** after the fever goes away.
  - If you wish to return earlier, because you think the symptoms are due to another cause (e.g. allergies or food poisoning) contact [healthandsafety@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:healthandsafety@seattlecolleges.edu) to get a safe campus return date.
- If someone has a potential-exposure to another person infected with COVID19, they need to get tested no sooner than 3-5 days after the potential-exposure event. Report the situation to [healthandsafety@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:healthandsafety@seattlecolleges.edu). Do this regardless of your vaccination status. H&S will advise you on quarantine measures, if necessary.
- Anyone who experiences COVID19-like symptoms or tests positive for COVID19 **within 48 hours after being on-campus**, promptly notify campus contact-tracers by calling 206.934.5522 (leave-a-message) or email [healthandsafety@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:healthandsafety@seattlecolleges.edu).

Instructors (and supervisors) should plan to be flexible in accommodating for **absenteeism**

- Actively encourage sick students to stay home.
- Do not require a healthcare provider's note for students who are sick with acute respiratory illness to validate their illness.
- Maintain flexible policies that permit students to stay home to care for a sick family member.
- Ensure students (and employees) are aware of the accommodations process for those at [increased-risk for severe illness from COVID19](#) and how to apply. A student handout is available here: <https://www.seattlecolleges.edu/sites/seattlecolleges.southseattle.edu/files/inline-files/disability-resource-flyer.pdf>. For more details, see the [absenteeism & accommodations](#) section of this program.

## While On-campus

The following requirements are infection control measures implemented to protect against the potential asymptomatic COVID19 case.

- **In all indoor, public settings, wear a face covering** that fully covers the mouth-and-nose.
  - The **only exceptions** are if an individual is working alone (with no chance of human interaction); they must have a face covering on-hand to put on at any time another person may enter their space.
  - **Exceptions DO NOT include**
    - Situations that would result in repeated putting-on and taking-off the face covering several times a day.
    - Face shields without a face covering<sup>1</sup>.

There are no cases that an instructor or other college authority or representative is able to grant new exceptions or make a new rule for their own division. Please note the procedures for how to manage mask non-compliance, found in the [infection control program](#).

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<sup>1</sup> For communication with people speaking English as a second language or those who are hearing impaired and communicate via face and body language, contact [healthandsafety@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:healthandsafety@seattlecolleges.edu) for planning and support.

\* Remember, wash or sanitize your hands after putting-on, taking-off, or adjusting the face covering. Wash your hands with soap and water after using the toilet and before eating, drinking, smoking, or vaping.

- Physical-distancing is no longer mandated but in all practical cases and as much as possible, please continue to maintain at least 3-feet of physical-distance from those you don't live with.
- Practice good respiratory etiquette by cough or sneezing into the inside of your elbow – not your hands. Do not remove your mask to cough or sneeze. Immediately, wash or sanitize your hands.
- If someone begins to feel ill while on-campus, notify [healthandsafety@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:healthandsafety@seattlecolleges.edu) and follow procedures detailed in the section, titled “when someone is sick on-campus” in the [infection control program](#).
- Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with your position roles and responsibilities, as detailed in that section of the [infection control program](#).

### Cleaning & Disinfection

All campus entrants are encouraged to take part in cleaning up after oneself – to prevent the spread of infection of your germs to other on-campus occupants and visa-versa. This includes:

- Disinfecting the horizontal surfaces and high-touch points within your workspace before & after working in the space.
- Read the label and precautionary statements and follow all instructions and trained disinfection procedure (remember: spray-wipe-spray and wipe-discard-wipe).
- Do not allow student access to college provided chemical disinfectants without direct supervision and instruction on the appropriate procedures.