



MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Health Sciences Division

COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement for Health Sciences Students UPDATED May 2023

On May 11th, 2023 the CDC released updated guidelines regarding COVID-19 vaccination. The new recommendations state that anyone over 6 years of age, regardless of previous COVID-19 vaccination status, should receive one dose of either the Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech bivalent COVID-19 vaccine.

To remain compliant with CDC recommendations and clinical partner requirements, all Health Sciences students enrolled in courses with a clinical learning component must provide evidence of receiving one dose of the bivalent COVID-19 vaccine. The bivalent vaccines were distributed starting September 1, 2022, and the monovalent series were discontinued at that time. Any student with documentation of a Moderna/Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination after September 1st, 2022 shall be assumed to meet the new guidelines. Students who have not received any COVID-19 vaccines after September 1st, 2022 are required to receive one dose of the bivalent vaccine, regardless of any previous COVID-19 vaccinations or boosters.

MCCC will consider exemption requests for medical or religious reasons. Students wanting to request vaccination exemption due to medical reasons should contact the Dean of Health Sciences/Director of Nursing. Students requesting vaccination exemption for religious reasons will be required to contact the Director of Human Resources/Affirmative Action Officer, Linda Torbet, to discuss the exemption process and requirements. *Returning students with a currently approved medical or religious exemption to any COVID-19 vaccination will not be required to reapply for exemption.*

Although the College will work with students requesting an exemption, it cannot guarantee clinical placement for students that are not fully vaccinated. This may impact a student's ability to progress in his/her coursework and/or complete the program.