COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement
for Health Sciences Students
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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.