



MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Health Sciences Division

COVID-19 Vaccinations for Health Science Students

MCCC's Health Sciences Division Office has received notifications from several clinical agencies in the region that students and faculty will be required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to participate in clinical learning within their facilities. MCCC is monitoring these requirements carefully to determine what impact this requirement will have on the clinical placement of students. At this time, the requirements in effect have only impacted a small number of students already enrolled in the Respiratory Care Program. However, The College anticipates that more clinical agencies will begin to mandate the COVID-19 vaccination requirement in the near future.

As the requirement becomes mandatory across healthcare agencies and systems, MCCC will have no other alternative than to require its students and faculty to comply in order to be able to adequately place students for clinical learning. As with all other health requirements, MCCC sets its program policies and requirements to ensure that students can be placed in *any* clinical facility or agency used by the program(s). Therefore, if COVID vaccination becomes a requirement by other healthcare agencies/systems and impacts a greater number of students than those already identified, MCCC will require *all* students enrolled in health occupation courses with a clinical component to become fully vaccinated against COVID-19. MCCC will monitor facility policies regarding exemptions to vaccinations; however, will set program policy according to the most restrictive facility requirement—again to ensure that students can be placed in any facility or rotation. Initial indications suggest that exemptions will likely not be allowed and if allowed, will only be granted in rare circumstances based on strict guidelines set by the clinical agencies.

If mandatory vaccination becomes a program requirement, students need to be aware that failure to meet the requirement will result in an inability to be placed clinically, leading to program dismissal due to the inability to meet course requirements and learning outcomes. Students need to be aware that vaccination may become a program requirement at any time based on the requirements of our clinical partners.

Questions regarding the status of COVID-19 vaccine requirements may be directed to Dr. Kim Lindquist, Dean of Health Sciences/Director of Nursing via email at klindquist@monroeccc.edu or by phone at 734-384-4101.