

Over the past year and a half, Bloomfield College has put in place many safety protocols and procedures to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. The College has been guided by federal, state, and local authorities, and made modifications to protocols as circumstances have changed and requirements have been updated. As we near the start of the Fall 2021 semester, Bloomfield continues to evaluate ways to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among the College community so that we are able to provide an enriching and safe on-campus experience for all.

Getting vaccinated is an optimal way in which we can help to keep the community healthy and safe and protect the more vulnerable amongst us. Research indicates that COVID-19 vaccination is safe and effective in preventing COVID-19 disease, especially severe illness.

VACCINATION REQUIRED OF ALL RESIDENT STUDENTS AND ATHLETES

For the 2021-2022 academic year, the College is requiring all students who will be residing in a Bloomfield College residence hall, and all athletes, to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 unless the student has been granted an exemption from the vaccination requirement (see below). All other students, faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

Resident students and athletes may be exempt from the COVID-19 vaccine requirement for medical reasons or for sincerely held religious beliefs. In accordance with the College's [Exemption Policy](#) for required immunizations, resident students requesting an exemption from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for medical reasons must provide a statement signed by a physician explaining why the student cannot be vaccinated at this time. Resident students and athletes seeking a religious exemption from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement must provide a written statement, signed by the student, explaining how the administration of the COVID-19 vaccination conflicts with the student's religious beliefs.

Requests for exemptions must be submitted by Friday, August 13, 2021 to Health Services. Please note that submitting a request for an exemption does not guarantee that the exemption will be approved. Any questions regarding the exemption process should be directed to the Office of Student Affairs.

PROOF OF VACCINATION TIMELINE

Resident students and athletes must provide proof of at least one vaccination (Moderna or Pfizer) against COVID-19 by Friday, August 20, 2021 or prior to moving into a campus residence facility.

Students who are taking the Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccination are considered fully vaccinated. All others must be fully vaccinated within three or four weeks after August 20. Students who do not complete the full vaccination process will be removed from the residence halls.

Individuals with an approved exemption may be required to comply with additional testing and other preventive requirements. We will provide additional information as individual exemptions are approved.

If you have any questions about this policy, please contact saffairs@bloomfield.edu.

We look forward to seeing you back on campus soon!

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