

BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE VACCINATION INFORMATION – SPRING 2022

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, 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 plan for the Spring 2022 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, ATHLETES and NURSING MAJORS

For the 2021-2022 academic year, the College is requiring all students who will be residing in a Bloomfield College residence hall, all student-athletes and all nursing majors 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, student-athletes and nursing majors 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, these 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, student-athletes and nursing students 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 students no later than Tuesday, December 21, 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 at saffairs@bloomfield.edu.

PROOF OF VACCINATION TIMELINE

Resident students, student-athletes and nursing majors must provide proof of either a single dose of the Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccination (which is considered full vaccination) or at least one dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccination against COVID-19 by Monday, January 3, 2022 or prior to moving into a campus residence facility. Moderna or Pfizer vaccinated students must be fully vaccinated within three or four weeks after Tuesday, February 1, 2022. Those who do not complete the full vaccination process will be removed from the residence halls.

Students who have shown proof of vaccination prior to the start of the fall 2021 semester are exempt from showing proof for the spring semester.

Individuals with an approved exemption may be required to comply with additional testing and other preventive requirements. Approved unvaccinated residential students, for example, are required to show

proof of a negative PCR test within 72 hours of move-in; and all approved unvaccinated students must show proof of a negative PCR test on a weekly basis. 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 in 2022!

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