Information About the COVID-19 Vaccine Health Requirement

The administration of the State University of New York (SUNY) system has set forth policies to promote a campus environment that minimizes the risk presented by the SARS-CoV-2 virus to its members who are living and working in the Binghamton University community, and to be able to manage University operations effectively. One such policy involves COVID-19 vaccination. While this policy may change, this document contains the most current information regarding this requirement.

**SUNY COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATE**

SUNY has determined that all students must be fully vaccinated and boosted (if eligible) if they have any on-campus presence. This requirement applies to new students who participate in summer programs or who wish to register for fall classes.

The University is using current CDC guidelines to determine when an individual is eligible to be boosted following a COVID-19 infection. A student is eligible to receive a COVID-19 booster shot five months after completing a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine primary series, or two months after receiving a Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine. These guidelines state that individuals with known COVID-19 infection are eligible to get their booster after recovery from the acute illness, if symptoms were present, and when criteria to discontinue isolation has been met.

All booster shot documentation may be uploaded into the student health portal at binghamton.medicatconnect.com/. Choose the Upload tab and then choose document “COVID Immunization.”

**MEDICAL AND RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS**

Students who have a medical reason or who have a genuine and sincere religious belief that is contrary to the practice of immunization, may request an exemption from this requirement.

**Medical exemption:** Students with a medical reason may be granted a waiver that will exempt them from the COVID-19 vaccine requirement. Reasonable accommodations shall be granted to these students so long as the failure to be vaccinated does not prevent the student from otherwise fulfilling the programmatic or curricular requirements of their academic program. To apply for a medical waiver, follow the instructions on the COVID-19 page of the Decker Student Health Services Center website and submit a COVID-19 vaccine medical exemption form.

**Religious exemption:** Students who hold genuine and sincere religious beliefs that are contrary to COVID-19 vaccination may request to be exempted from this requirement. To request a religious waiver students should follow the instructions on the COVID-19 page of the Decker Student Health Services Center website and follow the instructions there to submit a COVID-19 vaccine religious exemption form.