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Message to Black Hawk College Students

### **Fall 2021 COVID-19 Updates**

BHC students,

As we start the academic year, I would like to provide some COVID-19 related updates. We've experienced an increase in reported cases of the virus on campus, but social distancing, wearing a mask and being vaccinated all help reduce the spread. We appreciate everyone who wears a mask and has taken the step to become fully vaccinated.

Yesterday, Governor Pritzker announced vaccination requirements for individuals in high risk settings, including higher education personnel and students. The announcement states, "Workers and students in applicable settings must receive the first dose of a two-dose vaccination series or a single-dose vaccination by September 5, 2021. Second doses of the vaccine must be received by 30 days after the first dose." It also states that those "who are unable or unwilling to receive the vaccine will be required to get tested for COVID-19 at least once per week."

*If you would like to read the full release distributed by the state of Illinois it is posted here:*

<https://www.illinois.gov/news/press-release.23808.html>

Black Hawk College will be complying with Governor Pritzker's announcement today. Of course, we will need to provide further direction for all of our employees and students on these new requirements. Please be patient as we work through it. We will communicate more details in the coming days and weeks.

In the meantime, if you are already vaccinated and have not yet submitted your card, please send a screenshot/image of your vaccination card directly to Kaye Quick, Director of Risk Management, at [quicck@bhc.edu](mailto:quicck@bhc.edu) with "Confidential" in the subject line. Only name, email address, and fully vaccinated date is logged onto a secured spreadsheet and shared with the contact tracer. The vaccination card and the information listed on the card are not shared.

Thank you for your patience.

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