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Message to Black Hawk College Students

A Message from Vice President Maxeiner Regarding New Vaccination Requirements for Students

I wanted to follow up on the email I sent last week regarding Governor Pritzker's Executive Order. As a reminder, the order stated, "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."

As you can imagine this Executive Order has your Black Hawk College faculty, staff and administration working around the clock to comply with as minimal disruption to your pursuit of your academic goals as possible. The following procedures will not apply to students who are fully remote and do not need to access campus or high school students who take all of their college classes at the high school.

According to the Executive Order students who access campus must be fully vaccinated or participate in weekly testing. Fully vaccinated means 15 days after your final dose (second short of Pfizer or Moderna, or first short for Johnson and Johnson) and the college must have a copy of your vaccination card on file to exempt you from weekly testing. This exemption does not apply to students engaged in competitive teams. Please refer to your coach regarding testing requirements during your season.

If you haven't already, upload your vaccination card here: [Vaccination card submission](#)

If you are not vaccinated and/or participate in competitive teams you will be required to participate in weekly SHIELD testing. This testing is free of charge and will be available on both the East Campus and Quad-Cities Campus. You are required to create a SHIELD account prior to arriving to participate in the SHIELD test. Directions for creating a SHIELD account and procedures for testing can be found in [myBlackHawk](#).

As always, we thank you for your commitment to the health and safety of our campus community.

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