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Message to Black Hawk College Students

A Message from Vice President Maxeiner Regarding Vaccination Requirements for Students

In August 2021, Governor Pritzker evoked an Executive Order requiring employees and students to be vaccinated by mid-October 2021. Persons “who are unable or unwilling to receive the vaccine will be required to get tested for COVID-19 at least once per week.” That Executive order is still in place and in effect.

The procedures detailed below will not apply to students who are fully remote and do not need to access campus. They also do not apply to high school students who take all of their college classes at the high school. The college has worked to comply with this order with minimal disruption to your pursuit of your academic goals.

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 dose for Pfizer or Moderna, or first shot for Johnson and Johnson) and the college must have a copy of your vaccination card on file to exempt you from weekly testing. If you have received a booster shot, we also encourage you to upload your card again with your boosted status.

The exemption from testing listed above does not apply to student engaged in competitive or athletic teams. Please refer to your coach regarding testing requirements.

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

If you haven't already uploaded your booster status, upload your vaccination card here: [Booster Card submission](#)

If you are not vaccinated and/or participate in competitive teams you will be required to participate in weekly SHIELD testing. The testing is free of charge and 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 on creating a SHIELD account, procedures for testing and testing days/times/locations can be found in [myBlackHawk](#).

Please make sure to screen yourself for symptoms of COVID (fever, cough, fatigue, achiness, runny nose, etc.) and if you have any, please do not access campus. Please contact COVIDstudents@bhc.edu for further instructions.

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

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