

MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY COLLEGE VACCINE REQUIREMENT

STUDENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS | As of November 5, 2021

Do I have to be vaccinated to take classes in the spring 2022 semester?

If you register for courses with **any** on-campus component or if you plan on coming to campus in the spring – including to access the library, computer lab, athletic facilities, or other in-person student services – you must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and submit written proof of an official record of full vaccination status.

If you do not expect to be on campus for any reason, you are not required to be fully vaccinated or to provide written proof of an official record of full vaccination status unless it is required by your program or activity (ex. athletics, healthcare program, clinical placement).

If, after the start of the semester, you would like to come to campus to access college services and facilities, you will be required to provide written proof of your official record of vaccination status before coming to campus.

What's the deadline for providing proof of my vaccination status?

2022 Winter Intersession

If you are registering for winter intersession classes that have an on campus component you will have until **December 19, 2021** to submit all required documentation that provides proof that you are fully vaccinated. After December 19th 2021, if you have failed to provide vaccination documentation you will be notified by the college and will be asked to change any on campus classes to a class that is online depending upon class availability.

Spring 2022 Term

If you are registering for the spring 2022 term that begins January 24th 2022. The deadline for vaccination documentation submission is January 3rd, 2022. After that date, you will be restricted from taking on campus face-to-face classes or taking part in any in person on campus services or activities.

You can, however, register for online courses regardless of vaccination status and continue your education.

How do I provide my written proof of an official record of full vaccination?

You will be uploading documentation through your MyMCC portal via a link to Transformative Health. *Transformative Health* is a link where you can safely and securely upload COVID-19 vaccination cards.

If you have additional questions or need an alternative method to submit your information, you can contact records@middlesex.mass.edu. Someone will reach out to help you.

Please note that the attestation of vaccination status will not be accepted as written proof of an official record of full vaccination status.

If I received an exemption and/or reasonable accommodation related to certain COVID-19 vaccination requirements in the Fall of 2021 do I now need to request a reasonable accommodation in accordance with the Student Vaccination Policy?

Yes, any vaccine requirements and or exclusions for Fall 2021 were based on specific sub-groups of students in certain programs or activities.

Will my vaccination record be treated confidentially?

Vaccination records will be treated in the same confidential manner as other student records.

Can I still register for in-person classes if I have not yet been fully vaccinated?

Yes, you can register for any classes until January 3rd. For face-to-face classes, you have until January 3rd to submit your proof of a COVID-19 vaccination.

If you have not submitted your proof of vaccination by the January 3rd deadline, you will be restricted from registering for on-campus classes; however, you can still enroll in online classes and continue your progress to your degree or certificate.

If I am a high school student who is taking a College course on the College's Campus either face to face or hybrid, am I required to be fully vaccinated?

Yes, the Student Vaccination Policy applies to you.

If I am a high school student taking a College course taught to my class at my high school am I required to be fully vaccinated?

If you are a high school student taking college classes at your high school and do not come to campus for class, you must follow any vaccine policies set by your school and are not subject to the college's vaccination policy. If however you are accessing the college campus for any reason, including meeting with college staff or accessing the college's library, you must show proof of full vaccination status.

What alternatives are available to me if I am unvaccinated?

Students who are unvaccinated may take courses with no on-campus component and access services remotely. Students may also request a reasonable accommodation where the College will engage in an interactive process to determine if the student is eligible for a reasonable accommodation, and if so, whether the requested accommodation is reasonable and does not create an undue hardship to the College or direct threat to the health or safety of others in the learning and working environment, if applicable.

In the event a reasonable accommodation is approved, students may be subject to additional health and safety protocols and/or be excluded from campus and/or college activities including but not limited to travel for the protection of health or safety, as determined by the College in consideration of local, state, and/or or federal laws and public health guidance and/or mandates.

If I am unable to be fully vaccinated, how do I apply for a reasonable accommodation?

Requests for reasonable accommodation, including requests for a medical or religious exemption, will be considered consistent with applicable laws, legal guidance, and College policy.

Reasonable accommodation requests should be submitted via email to DeanOfStudents@middlesex.mass.edu

Please note that the individualized interactive process to determine reasonable accommodations is estimated to take a minimum of ten (10) business days following the receipt of satisfactory documentation supporting the student's eligibility for reasonable accommodation. If you are seeking a reasonable accommodation, please submit your request and necessary documentation as soon as possible and without delay but no later than January 10, 2022 if you want your request to be considered in time for the start of the Spring 2022 semester or immediately if you are registering now.

If I register for in-person classes and do not submit proof of vaccination by January 2022 what will happen?

You will not be allowed to attend class or access campus without submitting written proof of an official record of full vaccination and unless you have an approved reasonable accommodation you may be administratively withdrawn or, if possible, transferred into a class with no in-person component.

What is the definition of “fully vaccinated”

The community colleges are following the CDC's definition of full vaccination status, which currently provides that “[i]n general, people are considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.”

If the CDC changes their definition at any time, the revised definition will be applicable.

Please pay close attention to the type of vaccine that you receive and its timing schedule to ensure you are fully vaccinated in time to register for, and attend classes, if you seek to enroll in face-to-face and/or hybrid courses or to access campus for any reason.

If I already had COVID, do I need to be vaccinated?

Yes. According to the CDC, you are not considered fully vaccinated if you have had COVID but have not been vaccinated.

How do I get vaccinated?

Middlesex will be hosting on-campus vaccination clinics throughout November and December. Details will be announced via email.

Additional resources for accessing a COVID-19 vaccine include:

- [Vaxfinder](#)
- [COVID-19 Mobile Vaccine Program](#)
- [Additional Vaccine Resources](#)