

June 14, 2021

Hello CCV students,

The College is looking forward to fully re-opening and welcoming you back to its academic centers. Beginning July 1, CCV centers will be open to all students and faculty, with some in-person advising opportunities available.

Vermonters have many reasons to be proud. Throughout this pandemic, Vermont's safety guidelines and low infection rates have been a model for the nation. Vermont has achieved the highest COVID-19 vaccination rate in the country, with 80% of Vermonters vaccinated against the virus. One of the most important steps we all can take to keep ourselves, loved ones, and community members safe is to get the COVID-19 vaccination as soon as possible. Vaccines are highly effective in preventing death and hospitalization and will protect you from getting sick. There is no cost to get the vaccine which is [available in many pharmacies and walk-in clinics](#) around the state.

CCV remains committed to providing a healthy learning environment and will continue to follow the most current state guidance and CDC safety protocols. We'd like to provide anticipated health protocols for the fall semester.

Will students be required to be vaccinated?

Not at this time. As a non-residential college, CCV does *not* require proof of vaccinations except in certain state-mandated programs. CCV will continue to follow Vermont guidelines, including encouraging all CCV community members to get vaccinated, if able. Vaccination continues to be the most effective way to protect ourselves and each other against the virus.

Will students be required to wear masks in academic centers?

Per the Center for Disease Control (CDC), "Mask use is recommended for people who are not fully vaccinated."

Can I ask if someone is vaccinated?

You may ask if someone is vaccinated but you may *not* ask to see their proof of vaccination or ask why they are not vaccinated. Furthermore, it is important to remember there are many reasons why someone may not be vaccinated.

Will social distancing remain in effect when I am in CCV centers?

As the State adjusts its guidance on social distancing, so too will CCV. We anticipate state officials will release new guidelines soon.

The College will continue to monitor the guidance provided by state officials and the CDC and will adjust its protocols accordingly. I will keep you updated if new guidance emerges. Additionally, CCV will continue to update the COVID-19 page on its public [website](#).

As always, please contact your CCV advisor with any questions about the fall semester or class registration.

Our community worked hard to meet the challenges the pandemic presented, and we have had much to be proud of over the past 14 months. CCV's students have demonstrated great care and compassion, resilience, and dedication to learning. I look forward to continuing to celebrate your accomplishments this upcoming academic year.

Be well,
Heather