

October 20, 2021

Dear CCV Faculty,

As President Joyce Judy shared in her message last Friday, CCV will be implementing a vaccination requirement for students beginning in January. All students taking in-person or hybrid classes at a CCV center will need to provide proof of vaccination or have an approved exemption before registering. We understand that you may have questions about this requirement as well as about other COVID-related issues. However, if you have additional questions not covered below, please reach out to your Coordinator of Teaching and Learning (CTL) or to our office.

Vaccination Questions

- **Will all students be required to be vaccinated for COVID-19?** All students taking in-person or hybrid classes at a CCV center in Spring and Summer 2022 must be vaccinated or have an approved exemption. Vaccinations for students taking only online based courses are encouraged but not required.
- **Are CCV staff and faculty required to be vaccinated?** As state employees and part of the VSC system, CCV staff and faculty must adhere to the guidelines established accordingly. COVID-19 vaccines are not currently required, but a federal mandate is pending.
- **Why are we implementing this policy?** Paired with other prevention measures, requiring vaccines will help the College reach the highest level of protection possible, reduce potential COVID exposures, limit teaching and learning disruptions, and safeguard our learning community.
- **Will students still be required to wear masks in academic centers?** At this time universal masking continues to be required for all students, faculty, and guests regardless of vaccination status. Masking also currently remains required for all staff when in the presence of others.
- **What is considered vaccinated?** If a student has received both shots in a two-shot sequence, or the Johnson & Johnson one shot, they are considered vaccinated.
- **If a student receives a medical or religious exemption what guidelines must they follow when attending an in-person or hybrid class at a CCV academic center?** Exempt students will follow all the same Vermont Department of Health guidelines and current CCV health protocols that are in place at the time. An exemption will not be publicly disclosed.
- **If a student has not verified their vaccination status and is taking only online based courses, can they still access academic center resources for appointments, learning centers, and computer labs?** Yes. All students, regardless of vaccination status, are welcome in CCV centers. Everyone will still need to follow the health protocols in place at the time.
- **When will students learn about this requirement?** Students will receive more detailed information about the process this week. On October 25th they will begin to receive secure links to enter their vaccination information.

COVID Protocol Questions

- **If a student in my class reveals that they have COVID or someone close to them has COVID, who do I contact?** A student may reach out directly to you to report a positive case or an exposure. Please keep this information confidential and share only on an “as needed” basis. This information should be reported to your CTL or a CCV staff member as soon as possible so they may file a COVID report. Please do NOT inform others in the class unless directed to do so by a CCV director or dean.
- **What do I do if a student or students in my on-ground class are unable to attend because of COVID?** Each situation is different, so it is important to talk with your CTL if you have questions or would like to discuss ideas. You may want to allow for greater flexibility around attendance and participation given that some students may miss class due to exposure, positive tests, or disruptions to their family’s childcare or schooling.
- **Where do I find more COVID-19 information?** For CCV updates on COVID-19—including college-wide communication, resources, protocols, and support—the CCV webpage has a wealth of information: <https://ccv.edu/covid-19> . You can also find general information at the Vermont Department of Health: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19> .

Thank you for your continuing efforts to support the health and safety of our community.

Best, Debby