Student COVID Vaccination Requirement FAQs

Effective July 1, 2022 CCAC requires vaccination for COVID-19 as a condition of working in or attending in-person classes at College buildings and facilities. Below are frequently asked questions and responses to guide you through this requirement. If you have additional questions that are not answered here please contact the Deans of Students for assistance.

How do I upload my vaccination record?

On-site Registration or Virtual
Present your vaccination record at the time of registration either on site or in the Virtual Welcome Center. Please note that you will need a photo ID and the vaccination card must be legible/readable.

Registration offices are located at each campus and center location:
Allegheny Campus – SSC 120
Boyce Campus – S-558
North Campus – Room 1004
South Campus – B-340
Homewood Brushton Center – Room 108
Braddock Hills Center – Room 105
West Hills Center – S1500

For questions related to the registration process, you may also send an email inquiry to registration@ccac.edu or call 412.237.CCAC.

Uploading Records via CastleBranch
Through August 31, 2022 you can upload your vaccination records for free using CastelBranch. If you have already completed this process you do not need to do it again. Use this link for Step-by-Step Instructions to upload your records. Enter package code YC89realid for a vaccine ID card. By completing this process you will receive a free Vaccination Card in the mail and your vaccination status will be appropriately noted in the CCAC system.

Please note that uploading to Castle Branch may take a few days to be completed and reflected in your CCAC record. Please leave sufficient time (1-2 weeks) before attempting to register.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Deans of Students.

Online Self-Service

Does the Requirement Apply to International Students?

Yes, international students will need to provide proof of vaccination status in order to enroll in in-person classes or participate in any on-campus activities. Vaccination is not required for individuals enrolling only in remote/online courses. For international students, proof of vaccination would include completion of any vaccination series approved for use by the World Health Organization (WHO).

What is considered fully vaccinated?

Fully vaccinated means that an individual has completed a primary COVID-19 series of vaccine doses approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). **Clarifying Statement on Fully Vaccinated Status:** Employees and students will not be required to provide evidence of having obtained a booster dose in order to meet the July 1, 2022 vaccination deadline. Students and employees only need to provide evidence of having obtained the recommended primary series of a COVID-19 vaccine approved for use by the FDA or WHO. Booster doses continue to be recommended, in accordance with CDC guidelines, but will not be required in order to work or attend classes on campus.

What If I’m not taking classes on site?

Students will need to be vaccinated in order to register for in-person classes or to participate in athletic or other in-person activities conducted in CCAC buildings. This includes both credit and non-credit courses that are conducted in-person. Students who are enrolling only in remote or online course offerings will not be required to provide proof of vaccination in order to enroll.

Where can I get a vaccine?

CCAC offers a number of [free on-site vaccination clinics](#).

Allegheny County has created a public map of [active COVID-19 vaccination locations](#). This map contains information about pharmacies and ongoing vaccination sites, as well as temporary vaccination events for the public. Each location includes information about the type of vaccine available and how to register. More locations will be added as they are developed.

If you need assistance identifying a place to get a vaccine, please contact the [Dean of Students](#).

When do I need to be vaccinated by?

Students must be fully vaccinated by July 1st. To be fully vaccinated students need to have received their final vaccine dosage at least 2 weeks before the deadline. Students enrolled in summer classes for 2022 are encouraged to finalize their vaccinations as soon as possible.

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How do I apply for a religious or medical exemption?

Students can apply for an exemption to the vaccination requirement based on religious or medical reasons. The exemption request will be reviewed by a committee and students will be notified of the decision within 2 weeks of receiving the request.

Students enrolled in the Nursing and Allied Health programs should consult the procedures for requesting exemptions and accommodations set forth in their respective program handbooks and as separately communicated to them by their respective program deans, faculty and clinical locations.

Individuals who are granted exemptions will be required to wear a mask while on site and may be asked to participate in COVID-19 testing.

Who can help me to figure out what classes I’m eligible to take?

If you are unsure of what classes to take or what is being offered, you can meet with one of our academic advisors. CCAC offers a variety of ways to connect with an Academic Advisor including in person by calling 412.237.2222 or via Zoom. When you join the Zoom session, you will be placed into the waiting room. When an advisor becomes available, they will bring you into the meeting. A camera is not necessary, but will help with your experience. Go to https://www.ccac.edu/advising/index.php for hours and instructions on how to log-in.

Prior to meeting with an advisor, it is recommended that students review the Course Catalog at catalog.ccac.edu. This website lists all the available classes and students can sort by location and type (online, zoom, onsite, etc.). For directions on how to access the course catalog, visit the CCAC Help Center: https://helpcenter.ccac.edu/120794-course-catalog/logging-into-the-online-course-catalog?from_search=85169563.

Can Faculty Ask Students to Wear a Mask While In the Classroom Even Though the Masking Requirement Has Been Lifted?

Faculty can communicate preferences to students regarding use of masks while in the classroom.