Policy on COVID 19 vaccinations and quarantine
January 3, 2022, updated

All students, faculty and staff are required to be vaccinated and boosted for COVID-19. Unvaccinated people place everyone in the college, their families and all the patients whom we care for at serious risk. No one who does not have proof of vaccination or a legitimate exemption by June 1, 2021 will have access to the building.

FAQ
Am I required to get the COVID-19 vaccination?
 Yes. All students are required to be vaccinated and boosted with an authorized vaccine as a condition of having access to the building.
   All faculty and employees are required to be vaccinated and boosted with an authorized vaccine.

How do I show proof that I have been vaccinated?
　　　　Students will upload their vaccination card to their Castlebranch account.
　　　　Faculty and staff can show their card to Dr. Dolan or Mr. Wilson in HR.
　　　　 You will then receive an additional ID card with vaccination status which will allow entrance.

Updated Isolation, Quarantine requirements, from the CDC:
- Isolation after positive test: individuals can end their isolation after 5 days – where day 0 is the first day of symptom onset and/or the day of a positive test result – if they are asymptomatic at that time. Those individuals should continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others for an additional 5 days.
- Quarantine after exposure: individuals who are not vaccinated or not fully vaccinated or are eligible for a booster but have not yet received one can end their quarantine after 5 days – where day 0 is the last day of exposure – provided symptoms do not appear. Those individuals should continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others for an additional five days.
- Quarantine after exposure: individuals who are fully vaccinated and boosted (if they are eligible) are not required to quarantine but should wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days.
- DOH recommends, but does not require, that quarantined individuals obtain a PCR or antigen test on day 5 after their exposure. This is in line with updates the CDC made to their guidance yesterday that also recommend, but do not require, testing to end isolation or quarantine.

This guidance supersedes the guidance for healthcare workers and other critical workers released in late December, but the portion of that guidance related to healthcare workers remains in effect. Click here for details

Why do I have to get vaccinated?
　　　　To protect the health and safety of all persons within the College, and the patients we care for in numerous health care facilities across the state.

Can I get an exemption?

Yes, in rare exceptions, medical exemptions may be permitted with appropriate documentation from a physician. However, many clinical facilities will not allow entry with a medical exemption to the vaccine. They are requiring all students to be fully vaccinated, which includes the booster.

Where can I get vaccinated?
Anyone 16 or over is eligible to be vaccinated in New York. See the New York State vaccine hub https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/, for a list of vaccine locations.

Will there be a full-remote/virtual option for students who are not vaccinated?
No. Our teaching modality is primarily in-person.

I already had COVID-19. Do I still need to show proof of vaccination for in-person attendance?
Yes

If I had COVID-19 in the last 90 days, can I still receive the vaccine?
Yes, as long as you have been released from isolation, are no longer symptomatic and have been medically cleared by a doctor, you are able to get vaccinated. You do not have to wait until 90 days after your diagnosis. As long as you are not actively sick, you are able to get the vaccine.

What happens if a student continues to refuse to comply with this policy?
The student will need to withdraw, or be administratively withdrawn, from the College.