

TITLE: Vaccination Mandate Guidelines for CUNY’s Continuing Education Students

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OVERVIEW

The definition of “student” for [CUNY’s Student Vaccination Policy](#) has been broadened to include any individual who has a regular physical presence on a CUNY campus or location in order to participate in an education program or activity, regardless of whether that program or activity is offered on a degree or non-degree basis and whether their records appear in CUNYfirst or not. These guidelines clarify the [CUNY Vaccination Policy](#) as it relates to non-matriculated students, including continuing education students, who are part of any scheduled in-person or hybrid programs.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted full approval to the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine on Aug. 23, superseding the emergency-use status of the shot for those 16 and older. The FDA’s decision has triggered a 45-day final deadline for CUNY students who are taking in-person or hybrid classes to get vaccinated and have their vaccination documentation uploaded, so it can be verified and approved by the 45-day deadline, October 7.

REGARDING FULLY VACCINATED STUDENTS

Students **who have been fully vaccinated** will be responsible for uploading proof of vaccination documentation:

- (1) Continuing education students **who have CUNYfirst accounts** will be required to submit their documentation [via CUNYfirst](#).
- (2) Continuing education students **who do not have CUNYfirst accounts** will be required to submit their documentation [via Cleared4](#). Students will be invited by email to submit their documentation via Cleared4.

REGARDING UNVACCINATED STUDENTS

The [COVID-19 Vaccine Medical Exemption Request Form](#) can be downloaded [here](#). The filled-out form can then be sent to the campus [Location Vaccine Authority \(LVA\) Liaison](#). Medical exemptions and religious exceptions are evaluated on a case-by-case basis; they are not automatically granted.

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Students with exemptions or students who are not fully vaccinated before October 7 will have to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within the past seven days in order to attend an in-person or hybrid class. CUNY continuing education students are eligible to take a test at a [CUNY testing site](#), in which case their results will be automatically uploaded into Cleared4. After October 7, no student will be allowed to attend in-person classes unless they have been vaccinated or have an approved exemption.

REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION

Reflecting the unique nature of continuing education programs – many of which enroll students up until the first day of classes and start on varying schedules - CUNY non-degree granting programs will be granted a one-week grace period between the start of a course and the deadline for students submitting student vaccination verification information into Cleared4.

During this time, a student **MUST** demonstrate proof of vaccination in accordance with the current policies of the continuing education department in order to attend in-person programs. After the one-week grace period, if a student’s vaccination information has not been uploaded and verified in the Cleared4 system, they will not be able to attend in-person classes. CUNY CIS will provide Continuing Education leaders a tool to share the rosters of students who need to be invited to upload vaccination verification documentation.

All colleges have designated [Campus Location Vaccine Authority \(LVA\) Liaisons](#) whose responsibilities include validating vaccination verification documentation in Cleared4.

Continuing Education departments may coordinate with their Campus LVA to determine on if additional staff might be designated as “approvers” to verify non-degree seeking student vaccination documentation.

CDC Guidelines

CUNY will begin following [CDC’s recently issued guidance](#) that adjusted the recommended quarantine and isolation times for people in close contact with someone who is positive or those who test positive:

- CUNY students who come **into close contact with someone with COVID-19** should base their approach to quarantine – if it is needed, when to end it, and when to test – depending on whether they are boosted, fully vaccinated and when, or unvaccinated. Please follow CDC’s guidance on quarantine spelled [here](#).

Students **who test positive for COVID-19** should isolate for at least 5 days. When to end isolation, test and return to in-person class varies depending on whether or not a person develops symptoms or is severely ill. Please follow CDC’s guidance on isolation spelled [here](#).

For a detailed description on CDC’s guidelines on quarantine and isolation visit [here](#).