

MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY COLLEGE VACCINE REQUIREMENT

STUDENT FAQ | *As of October 28, 2021*

Do I have to be vaccinated to take classes in the spring 2022 semester?

If you register for courses with **any** on-campus component or if you plan on coming to campus in the spring – including to access the library, computer lab, athletic facilities, or other in-person student services – you must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and submit written proof of an official record of full vaccination status.

If you do not expect to be on campus for any reason, you are not required to be fully vaccinated or to provide written proof of an official record of full vaccination status unless it is required by your program or activity (ex. athletics, healthcare program, clinical placement).

If, after the start of the semester, you would like to come to campus to access college services and facilities, you will be required to provide written proof of your official record of vaccination status before coming to campus.

What's the deadline for providing proof of my vaccination status?

Roxbury Community College students enrolled in hybrid and in-person classes must upload their COVID-19 vaccination documentation in VerFLY by January 18, 2022.

How do I provide my written proof of an official record of full vaccination?

To view the step-by-step instructions and learn more about submitting your record, please visit [RCC's Vaccine Mandate page](#).

Please note that the attestation of vaccination status will not be accepted as written proof of an official record of full vaccination status.

If I received an exemption and/or reasonable accommodation related to certain COVID-19 vaccination requirements in the Fall of 2021 do I now need to request a reasonable accommodation in accordance with the Student Vaccination Policy?

Yes, any vaccine requirements and or exclusions for Fall 2021 were based on specific sub-groups of students in certain programs or activities.

Will my vaccination record be treated confidentially?

Vaccination records will be treated in the same confidential manner as other student records.

Can I still register for in-person classes if I have not yet been fully vaccinated?

Yes. Roxbury Community College students are encouraged to register early for Spring 2022 classes. You must upload the documentation of your COVID-19 vaccination on or before January 18, 2022. If you do not get a vaccination, or are unable to provide your documentation, you will be dropped from hybrid and in-person classes, and may not access campus-based services. All students may still enroll in online courses and receive student support services remotely.

If I am a high school student who is taking a College course on the College's Campus either face to face or hybrid, am I required to be fully vaccinated?

Yes, the Student Vaccination Policy applies to you.

If I am a high school student taking a College course taught to my class at my high school am I required to be fully vaccinated?

If you are a high school student taking college classes at your high school and do not come to campus for class, you must follow any vaccine policies set by your school and are not subject to the college's vaccination policy. If however you are accessing the college campus for any reason, including meeting with college staff or accessing the college's library, you must show proof of full vaccination status.

What alternatives are available to me if I am unvaccinated?

Students who are unvaccinated may take courses with no on-campus component and access services remotely. Students may also request a reasonable accommodation where the College will engage in an interactive process to determine if the student is eligible for a reasonable accommodation, and if so, whether the requested accommodation is reasonable and does not create an undue hardship to the College or direct threat to the health or safety of others in the learning and working environment, if applicable.

In the event a reasonable accommodation is approved, students may be subject to additional health and safety protocols and/or be excluded from campus and/or college activities including but not limited to travel for the protection of health or safety, as determined by the College in consideration of local, state, and/or or federal laws and public health guidance and/or mandates.

If I am unable to be fully vaccinated, how do I apply for a reasonable accommodation?

Requests for reasonable accommodation, including requests for a medical or religious exemption, will be considered consistent with applicable laws, legal guidance, and College policy.

Reasonable accommodation requests should be requested from the Office of Accessibility Services.

Please note that the individualized interactive process to determine reasonable accommodations is estimated to take a minimum of ten (10) business days following the receipt of satisfactory documentation supporting the student's eligibility for reasonable accommodation.

If you are seeking a reasonable accommodation, please submit your request and necessary documentation as soon as possible and without delay but no later than December 30, 2021 for your request to be considered in time for the start of the Spring 2022 semester.

If I register for in-person classes and do not submit proof of vaccination by January 18, 2022 what will happen?

You will not be allowed to attend hybrid, in person classes or access on campus services without submitting written proof of an official record of full vaccination and unless you have an approved reasonable accommodation you may be transferred into a class with no in-person component or administratively withdrawn.

What is the definition of “fully vaccinated”

The community colleges are following the CDC’s definition of full vaccination status, which currently provides that “[i]n general, people are considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine.”

If the CDC changes their definition at any time, the revised definition will be applicable.

Please pay close attention to the type of vaccine that you receive and its timing schedule to ensure you are fully vaccinated in time to register for, and attend classes, if you seek to enroll in face-to-face and/or hybrid courses or to access campus for any reason.

If I already had COVID, do I need to be vaccinated?

Yes. According to the CDC, you are not considered fully vaccinated if you have had COVID but have not been vaccinated.

How do I get vaccinated?

Contact the Project Access Office for assistance in scheduling a COVID-19 vaccination.

www.rcc.mass.edu/project-access-at-rcc

Additional resources for accessing a COVID-19 vaccine include:

[Vaxfinder](#)

[COVID-19 Mobile Vaccine Program](#)

[Additional Vaccine Resources](#)