

**MANHATTAN COLLEGE**  
**COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY FOR STUDENTS**  
**Effective June 15, 2021**

In support of Manhattan College's commitment to health and safety for all members of our community, the College will, with limited exceptions set forth in this policy, require all students, faculty, administrators, and staff (including employees of vendors) to be fully vaccinated with an approved COVID-19 vaccine by August 2, 2021 as described below.

The COVID-19 vaccination is critical to help stop the pandemic and to protect our community. Benefits specific to the Manhattan College community may include:

- In-person course offerings and academic experiences
- Adjustments to COVID-19 restrictions and protocols
- Opportunities for a wider range of events and activities offered at the College
- Greater interpersonal collaboration among faculty, students, staff and administrators
- A return to a robust residence life program

**Vaccination Record and Health Requirements**

Proof of completed COVID-19 vaccination, including any booster shots as recommended by the FDA or CDC, will be required for all students (with the exception of fully remote graduate students, unless they are accessing campus).

Any vaccine approved by the FDA or authorized by the FDA for emergency use in the U.S. (currently Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson) is acceptable for purposes of this policy. For purposes of this policy, "completed COVID-19 vaccination" means that two or more weeks have passed since the individual received the final dose (e.g., first dose for Janssen/Johnson & Johnson, second dose for Pfizer and Moderna) of the vaccine approved by the FDA or authorized by the FDA for emergency use. Vaccine booster shots as determined to be necessary by the FDA or CDC will also be required in accordance with the most current FDA or CDC recommendations.

International students who have received COVID-19 vaccines not authorized for use in the United States will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

**Documentation Requirements**

Acceptable documents serving as evidence of COVID-19 vaccination may include:

- A completed CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card or other official documentation authorized by a governmental authority of competent jurisdiction; or

- Medical records signed by a licensed health care provider indicating vaccine name and dates of administration.

All students must submit to the link below evidence of vaccination and have their vaccination record approved by Monday, August 2, 2021:

[COVID-19 Vaccination Record Submission](#)

### **Surveillance Testing Requirements**

If you have an approved medical or religious exemption, you will be required to complete regular surveillance testing *every seven (7) days*. Please check the [On Campus Testing Schedule](#) to see when testing is being offered on-campus. If you are receiving a test from off-campus, please ensure you are uploading the result to the [COVID-19 Test Result Reporting Portal](#) for Health Services review and approval.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **Exemptions**

Requests for COVID-19 medical or religious exemptions for any of the immunization requirements listed above must be submitted to Health Services via the Student Exemption Application for Required COVID-19 Vaccination portal. Students will need to complete and submit the exemption form with accompanying documentation by July 19, 2021. Those who are granted an exemption will need to follow additional protocols, including weekly testing, to ensure the health and safety of our community.

· Any student seeking a medical exemption to the proof of full COVID-19 vaccination must provide Manhattan College with a certification from a licensed physician or nurse practitioner that such immunization may be detrimental to the employee's health or is otherwise medically contraindicated.

· Any student seeking a religious exemption to the proof of full COVID-19 vaccination must provide a written statement attesting that the student genuinely and sincerely holds certain religious beliefs which are opposed to vaccinations, and provide such attestation to Manhattan College for determination of such student's eligibility for this exemption. The student is also required to discuss with and obtain a signature of healthcare provider who has informed them of the risks of COVID-19.

#### **Remote Options**

Students who do not have an approved medical or religious exemption will not be permitted on campus. There are no remote study options for the 2021-2022 academic year for undergraduates. Graduate students will also be required to get vaccinated, even if some of their classes are remote. This policy is in line with our existing policies for other vaccines for diseases such as meningitis, measles, mumps, and rubella.

This policy is subject to change based on factors such as the progress of the COVID-19 pandemic, guidance from local, state and federal agencies, and changes in applicable law. Such changes will apply prospectively immediately upon being approved by the College.

### **Vaccination Resources**

#### **CDC**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/How-Do-I-Get-a-COVID-19-Vaccine.html>

#### **New York**

<https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>

#### **New Jersey**

<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine>

#### **Connecticut**

<https://portal.ct.gov/vaccine-portal>

#### **Pennsylvania**

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/immunizations/Pages/COVID-19-Vaccine-Providers.aspx>