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RE: Reminder of COVID-19 vaccine requirements for clinical

Dear Healthcare Program Students,

Bellevue College is a fully vaccinated campus. This means that in order to enroll you must either be fully vaccinated or apply for and receive a religious or medical exemption from receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

In addition to complying with Bellevue College vaccination requirements, health care students must also be prepared to follow the clinical site requirements for vaccination. [Many of our clinical partners](#) are requiring that clinical students be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 regardless of whether the student qualifies for a religious or medical exemption as an accommodation from the College. Therefore, if you are not vaccinated against COVID-19 (regardless of whether you qualify for a religious or medical exemption), **Bellevue College likely will not be able to place you in a clinical site, which means you will not be able to complete the program you have started, at least at this time.**

Bellevue College does not set or control clinical site standards or documentation requirements. If you are not accepted by a clinical site due to your vaccination status and you qualify for a medical or religious exemption, the College will attempt to locate an alternative clinical placement, but cannot guarantee that a placement will be found. If no alternative clinical placement is identified, you may not be able to complete the program due to inability to complete clinical coursework.

Because it takes time to be fully vaccinated and to receive a booster shot, we recommend you explore your options and decide as soon as possible how you would like to proceed. At this time, your options are to (1) receive the vaccination and continue with your program; (2) decline the vaccination, qualify for a religious or medical exemption, and continue in your program knowing that your training may be interrupted if your assigned clinical partner is unwilling to provide an accommodation, or (3) decline the vaccination and withdraw from your program.

To learn more about COVID-19 vaccination, the following sources have evidence-based information:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/vaccine/facts.aspx>

For help exploring your concerns and options, you may reach out to [Bellevue College counseling or advising](#).

Sincerely,

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