Will Canisius College require the Covid-19 vaccine in 2022-2023? What about boosters?

Yes, the college’s Covid-19 vaccine requirement will remain in place for 2022-2023. Students and employees must be fully vaccinated or receive a medical or religious exemption. Only those students and faculty who are fully online and do not come to campus for any activities are exempt from this requirement.

Boosters are strongly recommended but not required. The college recommends that students review current CDC guidance on vaccinations.

How do I submit my vaccination information?

Upload your vaccination record to the myCanisiusHealth portal.

I am a returning student. Do I have to resubmit my vaccination information each year?

No, if your immunization is on record in myCanisiusHealth you do not need to resubmit your information each year. However, if you have received a booster and that is not recorded, please upload that information to your myCanisiusHealth portal.

Will there be exemptions?

Yes. You may request a medical or religious exemption.

How do I request an exemption?

The forms that you need to complete are on the myCanisiusHealth portal. Medical exemptions should be sent to the student health center. Religious exemptions should be sent to the office of the vice president for student affairs.

I am a returning student and was granted an exemption last year. Do I have to request an exemption each year?

No. If you were granted an exemption last year that exemption remains valid.

Is the process different if I am a student-athlete?

No. The process for requesting exemptions is the same.

Are there any restrictions on unvaccinated students even if you receive an exemption?

Some majors require all students to be vaccinated. These include physician’s assistant (graduate) and pre-med (undergraduate).

Students who are not fully vaccinated may not participate in study abroad programs.
If you are a student-athlete, it is possible that the MAAC conference or other institutions could require testing of unvaccinated student-athletes. We will learn more about this later in the summer.

Other activities, such as the Kairos retreat, may require those who are not vaccinated to wear a mask.

**Will the college be conducting mandatory Covid testing on campus?**

No. The college will not conduct mandatory Covid-19 testing on campus. The college is no longer required to test those who are not vaccinated on a regular basis.

Diagnostic Covid testing is available in the Student Health Center and is widely available across Western New York. If you have any symptoms or have been exposed to someone who has become ill with Covid-19, you are encouraged to get tested.

**Will anyone who is unvaccinated be required to wear a mask on campus?**

At present masks are only required of 1) those who test positive for Covid-19 and 2) those who are continuing to experience symptoms.

You will see many people on campus who still regularly wear masks when around others. Anyone who wishes to do so may wear a mask, and we ask that their wishes to do so be respected.

Faculty have the right to require masks in their classrooms.

Student health facilities such as the Student Health Center and the Counseling Center require masks for face-to-face appointments.

**What will happen if I test positive for Covid?**

All students who test positive should notify the Student Health Center. They will advise you on the steps you should take.

- If you are a commuter student, you should stay home and isolate.
- If you are a resident student and can do so, you should go home to isolate.
- If you are a resident student and cannot go home, you will be required to isolate on campus.

Detailed information on isolation is available at myCanisiusHealth.

All students who test positive or have symptoms should contact their faculty members ASAP so that arrangements for coursework may be made.

**Will these rules change in 2022-2023?**

As the college has done throughout the pandemic, we will monitor the situation and follow federal, state, and local guidelines. If the situation warrants a change, we will adjust our policies accordingly.

**What if I have questions?**

If you have any medical questions, email those to health@canisius.edu

If you have any other questions about Covid policies or procedures, email those to stfmail@canisius.edu

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