

Dear Canisius students and families:

This email follows up on the email you received from President Hurley announcing that Covid vaccination will be required to attend in-person classes at Canisius College beginning in the spring 2022 semester. This requirement applies to all undergraduate and graduate students who are taking in-person or hybrid classes.

If you are fully vaccinated and your information has been uploaded, you may ignore this email. If you are not fully vaccinated, this email contains important information for you.

You must be FULLY vaccinated by January 18, 2022 to attend spring in person classes. “Fully vaccinated” means 1) two weeks after your second shot if you receive either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine OR 2) two weeks after you receive the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine, AND 3) you upload proof of your vaccination to the MyCanisius Health portal.

To meet this deadline you must receive your final shot no later than January 4, 2022.

Vaccines are free and easily available. For more information go to <https://www.vaccines.gov/search/>

If you want to receive your vaccinations at home, I would strongly suggest that you receive your first dose when you go home for the Thanksgiving holiday and get your second dose when you return home for the winter break. Upload your information to the MyCanisius Health portal ASAP after becoming fully vaccinated. We all know the holidays are a busy time and it will be easy to forget to do this.

Students taking in-person or hybrid classes who fail to be fully vaccinated by the January 18, 2022 deadline will be subject to possible academic withdrawal that could impact your financial aid and make you ineligible for refunds for courses.

Enrolled students may request an exemption from the vaccination requirement for medical or religious reasons. Philosophical, political, scientific, or sociological objections to immunization do not justify an exemption. Requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Exemptions will not be granted automatically.

To be considered, please complete the [medical exemption](#) or the [religious exemption](#) form. Because each request for exemption will be reviewed individually, requests must be received no later than December 1, 2021.

Any student who receives an exemption must remain in the college’s current Covid testing program during the spring semester. An additional \$250 fee will not be charged for the spring. Once a student becomes fully vaccinated they will be removed from our current testing protocol.

For more information on the student vaccine requirements, please visit our [FAQs](#), and to learn more the college’s overall effort to keep the campus safe and address the changing Covid situation, please go to <https://www.canisius.edu/covid-19-response-plans>.

Sincerely,

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