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Email Re: Request for Vaccination Information

Dear Canisius Students and Families,

We are thrilled to welcome you to Canisius College for the start of the fall semester! We've been planning for our in-person return for many months now, and while we are excited for our living and learning experiences on campus, we are still contending with Covid-19. Understanding that we have a mixed population of vaccinated and unvaccinated students on our campus, we implemented a mask requirement for all students, faculty, staff and visitors to our campus and asked students, who are fully vaccinated, to provide Canisius with a record of their Covid-19 vaccine no later than July 31, 2021.

While we do not have a vaccine mandate at this time, we are once again reminding you that ALL registered students – residents and commuters - who are fully vaccinated are expected to upload the proof of vaccination immediately to [MyCanisiusHealth](#) (login required). This is imperative for our ongoing response planning and will be essential proof for student involvement in certain campus activities.

***Please upload proof of vaccination no later than September 1.**
A Pfizer vaccine clinic will be available to students on campus on September 1.*

Please remember, students who do not provide proof of vaccination will be assumed to be unvaccinated and therefore subject to all restrictions and requirements applicable to unvaccinated students.

Canisius will use this data to inform its plans for unvaccinated students, which will include:

- Required periodic testing at the Student Health Center. Costs for testing will be the responsibility of the student.
- Limitations on certain types of academic, co-curricular and student life activities, including travel.
- Strict masking protocols in all campus facilities, including student fitness facilities and outdoors.

Students should upload their vaccination document by September 1 to prove they are fully vaccinated and exempt from the expectations outlined above. After that date, as soon as a student can demonstrate that they are fully vaccinated, they will be relieved of testing requirements and other protocols. **Fully vaccinated students, who have no symptoms of Covid-19 illness, will be exempt from periodic testing and quarantine if exposed to a confirmed case.**

The college continues to strongly recommend vaccination to all those who are medically able to receive it. Vaccines are free, safe, and the most effective way of mitigating illness and controlling the spread of Covid-19, including the Delta variant.

Canisius has put these expectations and guidelines in place for the well-being of all members of our community. We must ensure that our working and learning environment is one where faculty, staff and students feel that their physical and mental health are of primary importance. Students and families are also encouraged to visit the college's [Covid-19 Response & Reopening Plans](#) webpage for more information and details.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

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