



STUDENT COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

Student Services

Policy Number: 3010

1.0 PURPOSE

To protect the health and safety of Columbia Basin College's (College or CBC) campus community and the public, the College requires all students to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with an FDA authorized vaccine, subject to authorized exemptions.

COVID-19 vaccines have been proven to be safe and effective at reducing the risk of becoming infected with SARS-CoV-2 (the coronavirus that causes COVID-19), in preventing serious illness and death in those who develop COVID-19, and in limiting the spread of COVID-19. Vaccines are one of the most critical and effective elements for COVID-19 prevention. When a large proportion of people are vaccinated, there is greater community protection against COVID-19, which allows us, as the CBC community, to safely return to normal on-site instruction, research, operations, and other in-person activities.

The College is committed to maintaining a respectful, productive, inclusive, and equitable campus environment. Harassment or other prohibited conduct directed toward an individual based on their vaccination decision will not be tolerated and may be subject to corrective or disciplinary action.

2.0 AUTHORITY & SCOPE

2.1 Authority: RCW 28B.50.140; [State of Washington Office of the Governor Proclamation for Higher Education](#) as currently published and subsequently amended; Washington State and local public health guidance.

2.2 Scope: All CBC students.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

3.1 Authorized Exemption is a waiver from the vaccination requirement for medical or religious reasons as defined below.

3.2 Authorized Vaccine is a United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-authorized or World Health Organization (WHO)-authorized vaccine.

3.3 Fully Vaccinated for purposes of this policy, is a person who is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 two weeks after they have received the second dose in a two-dose series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized for use by the FDA (e.g., Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) or two weeks after they have received a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine authorized by the FDA (e.g., Johnson & Johnson/Janssen). This includes emergency use authorization. A person is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 two weeks after they have received all recommended doses of a COVID-19 vaccine that is listed for use by the WHO.

3.4 Medical Exemption is a waiver from the vaccination requirement on the basis that the student has been evaluated by a licensed health care provider and that the health care

provider determined that the student has a medical contraindication to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

- 3.5 Religious Exemption** is a waiver from the vaccination requirement on the basis that the student's sincerely held religious belief or practice prevents the student from receiving an authorized vaccine.

4.0 COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

CBC students must adhere to all health and safety policies, protocols and procedures adopted by the College when visiting a CBC campus location, or engaging in CBC operations or activities, regardless of vaccination status.

4.1 Vaccination Attestation Requirements

- 4.1.1** Students are required to attest to their vaccination status to comply with this Policy. The attestation will include, at minimum:
 - 4.1.1.1** The dates when each dose of the COVID-19 vaccine was administered to the student, or a declaration of a medical or religious exemption;
 - 4.1.1.2** Language that the student is attesting to the truthfulness of their self-attestation and will be subject to disciplinary action if their self-attestation is determined to be untruthful in violation of CBC's Student Code of Conduct; and
 - 4.1.1.3** Language stating that CBC, state and local public health officials may require further verification of the student's vaccination status, including observing the student's CDC vaccination card, state immunization information system record or other documentation.
- 4.1.2** Students who are also student workers must submit the Student COVID-19 Vaccine Attestation Form and complete the applicable employee COVID-19 vaccination verification process.
- 4.1.3** Students must submit the Student COVID-19 Vaccine Attestation Form to the Office of Student Records as soon as possible after the second dose of a 2-dose series or after a 1-dose vaccine, or by the fifth (5th) day of the quarter, whichever date is earliest.
- 4.1.4** Students who choose to participate in or attend online only CBC courses, services, operations, or activities, including, but not limited to, counseling and advising, financial aid, tutoring, and student activities, may forgo the attestation process. The student's online only plan of study will be confirmed by a Completion Coach each quarter. A registration hold will be placed on the student's account until the Completion Coach has confirmed the student's choice of online only attendance.
- 4.1.5** Students may change or update their COVID-19 Vaccine Attestation Form at any time. Completing and submitting the form is a one-time requirement unless otherwise communicated by the College or required by state or local public health authorities. Those who initially declared an Authorized Exemption but were subsequently vaccinated are required to update their form.
- 4.1.6** Programs that include clinical or practicum experiences in CBC or other facilities may require additional documentation and/or safety and health

protocols for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, subject to the rules, regulations and policies of the program or facility.

4.2 Authorized Exemptions

4.2.1 The College may follow up with students who attest to having a medical or religious exemption for additional information and/or to work with the student to determine an appropriate accommodation that takes into consideration the health and safety needs of both the student and the college community as a whole, including, but not limited to, the requirements of the student's program, the frequency, predictability and/or level of interactions with others while receiving instruction or participating in services or activities, transmission statistics for the area, and any other relevant information.

4.3 Medical or Health Risk Accommodation

4.3.1 Declaring a COVID-19 vaccination medical exemption is not the same as requesting a medical or health risk accommodation due to potential increased risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19. Students seeking a medical or health risk accommodation should consult with Disability Support Services (Phone: 509-542-4412, extension 2252; Email: dss@columbiabasin.edu).

4.4 Data Privacy and Records Retention

4.4.1 Individual level data are collected and used by the College in accordance with state requirements to inform CBC operations and to comply with regulatory requirements. Information is only used for these purposes. The information received in the COVID-19 Vaccine Attestation Form is private and confidential. These records are maintained separately from other records, except when the records relate to non-compliance; in that event, the record may be maintained in Student Conduct disciplinary records.

4.4.2 Access to vaccine attestation records is based on the need to know. The use of these records in the development of reports, disclosure of data, whether identifiable, de-identified, pseudonymized, or in aggregate is determined in accordance with the College's Data Governance Policy.

4.4.3 Student COVID-19 Vaccine Attestation Forms are an educational record and must be retained in accordance with the Washington State Records Retention Schedule.

4.5 Policy Violation

4.5.1 Failure to submit the completed COVID-19 Vaccine Attestation Form by the deadline will result in a registration hold, cancellation of registration, and/or disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct. Students who submit false or inaccurate information on their COVID-19 Vaccine Attestation Forms, submit false or inaccurate information during any CBC COVID-19 vaccine verification process, or violate this Policy will be

subject to disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct, which may include dismissal from the College.

5.0 FORMS & OTHER RESOURCES

5.1 [CBC Student Covid-19 Vaccine Attestation Form](#)

5.2 [CBC COVID 19 Latest Updates & FAQ](#)

5.3 [CBC Comprehensive COVID-19 Exposure Control, Mitigation, and Recovery Plan](#)

6.0 HISTORY & POLICY CONTACT

6.1 Originated: 9/27/2021

6.2 Revised: 10/8/2021

6.3 Proposal Date: 09/7/2021

6.4 Promulgation Date: 9/27/2021

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6.6 Responsible Administrator: Vice President for Student Services