

Dear Student,

As we approach the end of the semester, I would like to take an opportunity to remind you of upcoming important dates relevant to the end of this semester and the start of Spring semester.

Wednesday, December 1st: Deadline for completion of annual flu shot. Compliance is tracked using Complio. Please make sure your documentation is uploaded by the end of day on 12/1/21. Any student that fails to submit proof of flu vaccination will **not be allowed to attend clinical after December 1, 2021**. There will be no incomplete grades issued for this situation. Students are either vaccinated or they will not be allowed to attend clinical, which will likely result in course failure.

We have an important update regarding the COVID-19 vaccine requirement. In accordance with new guidelines provided by the Federal government on November 4th applicable to the Bon Secours Mercy Health System, there has been an adjustment to the date required for full vaccination. As a result of the date adjustment made by the health system, the college is also adjusting its deadline for student compliance with the COVID-19 vaccine mandate.

- All students are required to be fully vaccinated by the federal deadline of **Jan. 4, 2022**. Fully vaccinated is defined as having received both doses of Moderna/Pfizer or the single dose of J&J vaccine by this deadline.
 - In order to meet the final dose deadline, students who plan to receive a two-dose regimen should receive their first dose no later than **Dec. 7, 2021** (Moderna) or **Dec. 14, 2021** (Pfizer).

Students who are not fully vaccinated or do not have an approved exemption documented by January 4, 2022 will be out of compliance and will be disenrolled from Spring semester courses. Remember it is your responsibility to upload your documentation to Complio no later than January 4, 2022. Failure to provide documentation will be treated as noncompliance with this mandate.

In closing, I would like to thank each of you for your hard work and dedication to your studies and your patients this semester. My hope is that you are able to relax and recharge next week as we celebrate a time of Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

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