

COVID Vaccine FAQ

1. Will Brevard College require the COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes. All students, faculty, and staff, and volunteers must be vaccinated against COVID-19, pending full approval of the vaccines by the Federal Food and Drug Administration this summer. This includes full-time, part-time students, faculty, and staff.

2. Where can I get my vaccination?

Vaccine distribution is managed by federal and state agencies. Here is how to find vaccines, register, and receive your vaccine: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/reporting/vaccinefinder/about.html>

Vaccines are widely available at Walgreens, CVS, and other pharmacies.

3. Will Brevard College be providing the vaccines?

The College is working with the local health department to sponsor vaccine clinics on campus. Details will be sent out once the clinics are secured.

4. What vaccines will be accepted?

Any COVID-19 vaccine authorized in the U.S. will be accepted. Many of our international students may be vaccinated in other countries that are using vaccines not yet approved in the U.S. We are seeking further guidance about how to manage this situation and will communicate with our international students.

5. Are there exemptions?

Students, faculty and staff may request an exemption from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement. Exemptions will be considered on a case by case basis. Those interested in requesting exemptions can go to this website for instructions on how to apply for exemptions. <https://www.immunize.nc.gov/schools/ncexemptions.htm>

6. What about international students?

For international students who may be returning for fall semester and are not yet vaccinated, we will provide information about how to get a vaccine when you arrive in the U.S.

7. Are vaccines required for faculty and staff?

Vaccines are required for all faculty and staff members. Faculty and staff can apply for an exemption. Exemptions will be considered on a case by case basis. Those interested in requesting exemptions can go to this website for instructions on how to apply for exemptions. <https://www.immunize.nc.gov/schools/ncexemptions.htm>

8. After vaccination, do campus community members still need to wear a face mask and practice physical distancing?

We are still waiting for guidance from the CDC on when those that have been vaccinated need to continue to wear a face mask and observe social distancing. The indications are that masks and distancing will not be required if members of the campus are vaccinated. We will continue to seek guidance on mask and distancing requirements for those unvaccinated due to an exemption.

9. Will COVID-19 testing still be required after vaccination?

Mandatory testing will not be required for those vaccinated. We are continuing to seek guidance about the campus community members not vaccinated due to an exemption.

10. Do students, faculty, and staff need to show proof of COVID vaccination before arriving on campus?

Yes. Students will be required to upload a copy of their vaccination card or, if you were vaccinated in North Carolina, a copy of their vaccination record from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (https://covid-vaccine-portal.ncdhhs.gov/s/?language=en_US) before arriving at their assigned move-in date; faculty will be required to upload either of these two documents as well before August 10, 2021, a week before faculty development; staff will need to upload either of these two documents as well. The due date for staff will be set as soon as the Federal Food and Drug Administration gives full approval of the vaccines.