

## **STUDENT COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY**

### **IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT**

With limited exceptions, North Carolina State Law GS130-A-155.1 requires ALL College students to have a Certificate of Immunization. The student must give the full dates for all required immunizations. The Certificate must be signed or officially stamped by a physician or health department official. This Certificate of Immunization must be returned to the Admissions Office prior to registration or the student may not be permitted to attend classes and may be withdrawn or subject to suspension from the College. Each student may request an appropriate form through his/her centralized State Immunization Registry website, local health department, or physician's office. A student may alternatively choose to print a Brevard College immunization form and take it to his/her physician. Either option is acceptable. The only allowable exemptions are for doctor-certified medical reasons (i.e., the student must have letter from his/her doctor) or religious reasons. You may review more information on North Carolina's immunization requirements by visiting the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services – Immunization Branch, online at: [www.immunize.nc.gov/schools/collegesuniversities.htm](http://www.immunize.nc.gov/schools/collegesuniversities.htm). For more information about exemptions, you may visit: [immunize.nc.gov/schools/ncexemptions.htm](http://immunize.nc.gov/schools/ncexemptions.htm).

The American College Health Association (ACHA) has recognized that comprehensive COVID-19 vaccination is the most effective way for institutions of higher education to return to a safe, robust on-campus experience for students and recommends COVID-19 vaccination requirements for all on-campus college and university students. Thus, in addition to the immunizations required by North Carolina State Law GS130-A-155.1, as of August 15, 2021 pending full FDA approval, Brevard College requires all College students to provide proof of immunization against COVID-19. To comply with this policy, all students must present written evidence of immunization from a healthcare provider. Students who wish to request an exemption to the COVID-19 vaccine requirement based on a medical condition, disability, or sincerely held religious beliefs should notify the Vice President for Student Success/Dean for Students in writing of such request at covid19@brevard.edu. Once it is aware of the request, the College will engage in an interactive process to determine whether it can provide a reasonable accommodation which would not create an undue hardship for the College and/or does not pose a direct threat to the health or safety of the student and/or others on campus. Students may request exemptions from this policy without fear of retaliation.

If assistance is needed in identifying locations where COVID-19 vaccines are available or other resources about the available COVID-19 vaccines, please contact covid19@brevard.edu.