Do I have to be vaccinated to take classes in the spring 2022 semester?

If you register for courses with any on-campus learning component or if you plan on coming to campus in the spring – including to access the library, computer lab, athletic facilities, or other in-person student services – you must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and submit written proof of an official record of full vaccination status.

If you do not expect to be on campus for any reason, you are not required to be fully vaccinated or to provide written proof of an official record of full vaccination status unless it is required by your academic program or activity (ex. athletics, healthcare program, clinical placement).

If, after the start of the Spring semester, you would like to come to campus to access college services and facilities, you will be required to provide written proof of your official record of vaccination status before coming to campus.

What’s the deadline for providing proof of my vaccination status?

You must upload your COVID-19 vaccination card prior to registering for face-to-face and/or hybrid courses. This includes Wintersession open to registration now; Spring 2022 semester open to registration Nov. 17.

- You will not be able to register for face-to-face or hybrid courses unless you have uploaded your vaccination card.
- If you have already uploaded to the Bristol App, you are free to register for face-to-face or hybrid class. (Existing uploads are accepted that have taken place in past semesters. You do NOT need to reupload.)
- Check www.BristolCC.edu/vaccinationpolicy for more information about requesting a Reasonable Accommodation.

How do I provide my written proof of an official record of full vaccination?

You must upload your COVID-19 vaccination card to the Bristol App.

- COVID-19 vaccination cards must be securely uploaded by the Bristol App feature.
- Download the Bristol App from the App Store or Google Play. Within the App, go to “Vaccination Form” and upload a photo of your COVID-19 vaccination card.
- The vaccination card must reflect both vaccinations for Moderna and Pfizer or one Johnson & Johnson vaccination.
- Please note that the attestation of vaccination status will not be accepted as written proof of an official record of full vaccination status.
- Do not email your COVID-19 vaccination cards.
- Visit www.BristolCC.edu/BristolVaxUp for detailed instructions and an alternative for uploading your vaccination care if you do not have a mobile device.
If I received an exemption and/or reasonable accommodation related to specific COVID-19 vaccination requirements for Fall 2021, do I now need to request a reasonable accommodation in accordance with the Student Vaccination Policy?

Yes, any vaccine requirements and/or exclusions for Fall 2021 were based on specific sub-groups of students in certain programs or activities.

Will my vaccination record be treated confidentially?

Yes. Vaccination records will be treated in the same confidential manner as other student records.

Can I still register for in-person classes if I have not yet been fully vaccinated?

No. You will only be permitted to register for in-person classes if you have provided official written proof of full vaccination by uploading to the Bristol App. If you are not yet vaccinated it could take several weeks before you are fully vaccinated. Please check out this helpful COVID-19 vaccination timeline. However, you can still register for online classes if you are unable to provide proof of full vaccination status.

If I am a high school student who is taking a college course at one of the college’s locations, either face to face or hybrid, am I required to be fully vaccinated?

Yes, the Student Vaccination Policy applies to you.

If I am a high school student taking a college course taught to my class at my high school, am I required to be fully vaccinated?

If you are a high school student taking college classes at your high school and do not come to campus for class, you must follow any vaccine policies set by your school and are not subject to the college’s vaccination policy, unless a separate agreement exists between the college and your high school. However, if you are accessing the college campus for any reason, including meeting with college staff or accessing the college’s library, you must show proof of full vaccination status.

What alternatives are available to me if I am unvaccinated?

Students who are unvaccinated may take courses with no on-campus component and access college services remotely. Students may also request a reasonable accommodation where the college will engage in an interactive process to determine if the student is eligible for a reasonable accommodation and if so, whether the requested accommodation is reasonable and does not create an undue hardship to the college, or create a direct threat to the health or safety of others, in the learning and working environment, if applicable.

In the event that a reasonable accommodation is approved, students may be subject to additional health and safety protocols and/or be excluded from campus and/or college activities including, but not limited to, travel for the protection of health or safety, as determined by the college in consideration with local, state, and/or or federal laws and public health guidance and/or mandates. Check www.BristolCC.edu/vaccinationpolicy for more information about requesting a Reasonable Accommodation.
If I am unable to be fully vaccinated, how do I apply for a reasonable accommodation?

Requests for reasonable accommodation, including requests for a medical or religious exemption, will be considered consistent with applicable laws, legal guidance, and college policy.

Reasonable accommodation requests should be submitted via this secure form. These requests will be reviewed by a team of Student Services & Enrollment Management professionals. After submitting the form, it will be reviewed to ensure it is complete and all required documentation has been included. Incomplete forms will be returned to the student for additional information. If a revised form, including any requested information or documentation, is not received within 10 business days of being returned to the student, the application will be removed from consideration and a student will need to begin the process again.

Please note that the individualized interactive process to determine reasonable accommodations will take a minimum of ten (10) business days following the receipt of satisfactory documentation supporting the student’s eligibility for reasonable accommodation. If you are seeking a reasonable accommodation, please submit your request and necessary documentation as soon as possible and without delay, if you want your request to be considered in time for the start of the Spring 2022 semester and sooner if you want to register for classes when they are available. Please plan accordingly.

If I register for in-person classes and do not submit proof of vaccination by January 2022 what will happen?

You will not be able to register for in-person classes without submitting proof of vaccination. If you are found to be enrolled in courses with an in-person component without having provided this proof, you may be administratively withdrawn or, if possible, transferred into a class with no in-person component. You will not be allowed to attend class or access campus without submitting written proof of an official record of full vaccination, unless you have received an approved reasonable accommodation.

What is the definition of “fully vaccinated”?

The Massachusetts community colleges are following the CDC’s definition of full vaccination status, which currently provides that in general, people are considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine.

If the CDC revises their definition at any time, the revised definition will become applicable.

Please pay close attention to the type of vaccine that you receive and its timing schedule to ensure that you are fully vaccinated in time to register for and attend classes, if you seek to enroll in face-to-face and/or hybrid courses or to access campus for any reason. Check out this helpful COVID-19 vaccination timeline. You can upload your COVID-19 vaccination card to the Bristol App immediately after receiving your second dose of Pfizer or Moderna or single dose of Johnson & Johnson as long as it is two weeks prior to your first class on campus.
If I already had COVID, do I need to be vaccinated?

Yes. According to the CDC, you are not considered fully vaccinated if you have had COVID-19 but have not been vaccinated.

How do I get vaccinated?

You can find information on how to get vaccinated at BristolCC.edu/VaxUp

Check back frequently for college hosted clinics at our locations.

Additional resources for accessing a COVID-19 vaccine include:

- Vaxfinder
- COVID-19 Mobile Vaccine Program
- Additional Vaccine Resources