

Good Afternoon:

MCLA, along with the eight other Massachusetts State University institutions, will join a growing number of colleges and universities across the country and Commonwealth requiring students to get vaccinated against COVID-19 before they attend in person classes next fall.

MCLA will require undergraduate and graduate students who are attending in-person classes, conducting research on campus, living in residence halls, and participating in college sponsored activities to become fully vaccinated prior to the start of the academic year in September.

Students will be asked to submit a photo image copy of their *COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card*, with name, DOB, and MCLA A# to Health Services at [HealthServices@mcla.edu](mailto:HealthServices@mcla.edu) by August 1, 2021.

Medical exemptions (statement from a physician stating that vaccine is medically contraindicated for student) and religious exemptions (statement from a student, or parent/guardian if the student is younger than 18 years of age, stating that a vaccine is against sincerely held religious beliefs) should be submitted to Health Services and renewed annually at the start of the school year, as with all vaccine requirements.

As a reminder, while we remain vigilant keeping ourselves and one another safe during these challenging times, we also continue to keep a hopeful and ready eye on the future. Planning is still underway for the fall 2021 semester which we anticipate will bring a full return to the classroom.

As always, student safety and the safety of our community remains at the forefront of our planning. This is an important step in our continued perseverance in our fight to overcome the virus. I look with hope and confidence toward a time when we can all be together again.

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