

Dear Students,

As the situation regarding COVID-19 continues to change and improve in Massachusetts, we will continue to evaluate and revise our policies that have been developed for the return to campus in the fall.

**Deadline for submitting proof of vaccination is Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

You can email a picture (jpg) or scan (pdf) of your vaccination card to [healthcenter@springfield.edu](mailto:healthcenter@springfield.edu). You can also mail a copy of your vaccination card to the Health Center (Springfield College Health Center, 263 Alden Street, Springfield, MA 01109).

**Students with vaccine exemptions**

As we previously stated, students may apply for medical or religious exemptions. Students should follow the same process they have used to be exempted from the other vaccines that are required to attend Springfield College. A medical exemption will be provided when certification is made, in writing, by a health care provider who has personally examined the student and in whose opinion the physical condition of such student is such that their health would be endangered by vaccination against COVID-19. A religious exemption will be provided when a student states, in writing, that such vaccination would conflict with their religious beliefs.

**Clarification on restrictions placed on students who have COVID-19 vaccine exemptions**

Students who are formally exempted from the COVID-19 vaccine requirement due to medical or religious reasons will be required to wear masks in all classes and seminars. Additionally, counter to our previous message, students **will** be able to participate in activities that require close contact, including intercollegiate athletics, club sports, intramurals, Pre-Camp, Cultural Connections, Alternative Spring Break, Outdoor Pursuits, and other activities or on-campus employment that involves close contact with other individuals. They will need to wear a mask in these activities, except when participating in intercollegiate athletics, club sports, and intramurals.

We are in a state (Massachusetts) and region (New England) that is