

**Dear School Partners:** 

Thank you for your partnership with Piedmont Healthcare. I am reaching out to let you know that in order to provide the safest environment for our patients and for our team, we will now require clinical students to be fully vaccinated prior to working their clinical rotations with Piedmont Healthcare, effective September 10th. It's important to consider that vaccination is a leading factor in patients and team members feeling safe within a healthcare setting, as shown by research we have conducted. Moreover, it is in keeping with our mission to provide a safe care environment for our patients, as well as a safe work environment for our employees.

We are appreciative of your ongoing partnership and look forward to helping grow the future healthcare clinicians to make a difference in every life they touch. As a healthcare organization, science underlies our fundamental purpose, and in this case, science has provided a clear path forward.

Piedmont will consider accommodations for those who request them. I will work with those individuals directly. We are currently working on the finishing details of our process and will share that information with you in the coming days.

In the meantime, we appreciate your support in this effort. Thank you.

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