



November 23, 2021

Clinical College Partners

Via email

Re: CMS Vaccine Mandate

Dear Clinical College Partner:

On November 5, 2021, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a federal mandate that requires all eligible staff working at any healthcare facility that participates in the Medicare and Medicaid program, regardless of clinical responsibility or patient contact, to complete a primary vaccination series against COVID-19 or receive a medical or sincerely held religious belief exemption. This requirement applies to all facility employees, licensed practitioners, students, trainees, volunteers, contractors, vendors, and any other individuals who provide care, treatment, or other services for the facility or its patients under any arrangement.

Under the CMS rule, **by December 6, 2021** Detroit Medical Center, all facilities, must maintain documentation of vaccination or exemption status for all individuals caring for or having contact with patients in our facility.

By Dec 5, 2021, you must provide the following information on the attached data collection form submitted to DMCCOVIDME@dmc.org for all students who will rotate through Detroit Medical Center facilities:

- A list of the students rotating, with inclusive dates
- Vaccine status of each student- whether they have received the first dose or both doses of a two dose vaccine series (Pfizer or Moderna), or a single dose of Johnson & Johnson; or
- If only received first dose of a two dose series, the second dose of two dose regimen by January 4, 2022 (Pfizer or Moderna)
- Medical exemption status in accordance with CMS Rule, if granted by your organization, instead of vaccination.
- Religious exemption status in accordance with CMS Rule, if granted by your organization, instead of vaccination.

On or after December 6th, 2021, any student for whom you have not provided documentation of either COVID-19 vaccination or a medical or religious exemption is prohibited from entering the facility until evidence of vaccination or exemption is provided.

Any student with a religious or medical exemption must adhere to the facility's infection prevention requirements of wearing a procedural mask while in the facility. Masks can only be taken off when the individual is by themselves (including but not limited to restroom, eating in secluded break area, desk, etc.).

We appreciate your cooperation and thank you in advance for your assistance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Carol Frey at 313-745-9632.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheri Underwood".

Sheri Underwood, MSN, RN
DMC Group Chief Nursing Officer

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Frey".

Carol Frey, MSN, RN
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