

NOTICE OF CLINICAL SITE COVID-19 VACCINE REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS STUDENTS

Dear Student:

Pursuant to recently enacted federal regulations governing YC's partners or agencies, providing clinical education, individuals providing care or having direct care contact with patients in clinical settings at a licensed healthcare institution which includes hospitals, nursing care institutions, residential care institutions, intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF-IID), group homes, or other medical facilities including ambulances or fire agencies, may be required to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination and subject to regular health screening and COVID-19 testing as determined in the sole-discretion of YC's partner healthcare institutions.

For more information regarding the COVID-19 Vaccine, visit the C.D.C. website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/about-vaccines/index.html> Students are not considered fully vaccinated until 2 weeks after their second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine or 2 weeks after a single dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine.

Federal regulations also require that employers grant employees certain exemptions from the COVID-19 vaccination requirements for religious or medical reasons. Some of YC's clinical partners or agencies have agreed to make the same exceptions available to YC Healthcare Profession students. While the requirements and exemption rules and process are determined by YC's clinical partners, YC is assisting its clinical partners in this process by collecting the exemption requests. To request an exemption from a clinical partner's COVID-19 vaccination requirement, students must complete the attached exemption request and upload the form to Castlebranch, MyClinicalExchange or Complio; or visit <https://www.yc.edu/alliedhealth> to download the form.

Please note that a completed exemption request does not guarantee clinical placement, which may result in required removal from the clinical course, resulting in a possible incomplete, withdrawal, or inability to complete the program of study. YC is working hard to find sufficient number of clinical experiences to accommodate all exemption requests, but demand for exemptions may exceed available clinical placements. It is also important to note that each clinical site may change its requirements over time, sometimes with little notice. YC will notify all impacted students of the changed requirements for continuation in the placement.

Note also, that students with approved exemptions may be required by the clinical partner or agency to be COVID-19 tested up to 2 times each week at the student's expense. Negative test results would be required as a condition to continue placement. Disclosing the results of each test to the clinical partner or agency as well as with YC is required and the responsibility of the student. YC assumes that these students are testing negative and if there is a positive test result, the student would then immediately contact YC and their respective program and abide by all YC COVID protocols.

Please be aware that even though YC may approve a student exemption, the clinical facility has final say over the exemption policies and procedures and may require additional information, and/or not approve any particular student exemption. In the event of a changed vaccine requirement or refusal to accept an exemption request, YC will use reasonable efforts to find another placement one time, but

such alternative placement may not be possible, resulting in an inability to complete the required clinical course and program of study.

To meet the COVID-19 documentation requirements from our clinical partners:

Provide a copy of proof of COVID-19 Vaccine proving vaccination.

1. Provide proof of two-dose vaccination of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna Vaccine.

OR

2. Provide proof of one dose vaccination of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.

3. Also, provide proof of a booster dose if there has been sufficient interval (5 or more months) since your initial vaccination.

3. If applicable, provide a copy of your completed exemption form noting that by declining the Vaccine, you continue to be at risk of acquiring COVID-19. Please note that a completed exemption form does not guarantee clinical or simulation placement and may result in required removal from the clinical course, resulting in a possible incomplete, withdrawal, or failure of the program of study.

Sincerely,

Dean for the School of Health and Wellness