

Oct. 4 Vaccination & Testing: What You Need To Know

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Hancock Student,

As you know, Hancock's Covid-19 vaccine and testing requirements begin on Oct. 4. This Wednesday, we will release our "Vax Check" online tool to help students be prepared to meet these requirements and safely come onto campus next week. You will need to use the tool in the following ways:

Our records show that you will need to use the Vax Check online tool to either upload your proof of vaccination record OR begin submitting proof of negative Covid tests to be able to come to campus.

We will regularly email you a link to the Vax Check tool as long as you continue to test, so be sure to check your myHancock email on a regular basis.

If you are fully vaccinated but have not uploaded your proof of vaccination:

Please use the online Vax Check tool to upload your proof of vaccination as soon as possible. Once your proof is uploaded and verified, you will be able to get a "fast pass" sticker for your student ID from Admissions and Records and easily travel on and off of campus through the daily health screening booths. [You will also qualify for a \\$250 Visa Gift Card!](#)

If you are partially vaccinated or plan on getting fully vaccinated after Oct. 4:

If by Oct. 4 you only have one dose of a two-dose vaccine (Moderna and Pfizer) OR your final vaccine dose was less than two weeks ago, that means you are partially vaccinated. Therefore, **you'll need to test weekly until you have been fully vaccinated** (fully vaccinated means it has been two weeks since your final dose).

To enter campus for any reason, you'll be required to submit a negative test taken no more than three days prior to entering campus. You can upload proof of your negative test via the Vax Check online tool, which will be sent to you Wednesday. Each day, you will need to show the health screening booth attendees your Vax Check result in order to be allowed onto campus. You will not be allowed access to campus otherwise.

Once you are fully vaccinated, use the online Vax Check tool to upload your proof of vaccination. Once your proof is uploaded and verified, you will be able to get a "fast pass" sticker for your student ID from Admissions and Records and easily travel on and off of campus through the daily health screening booths. [You will also qualify for a \\$250 Visa Gift Card!](#)

You can find nearby vaccination clinics and make vaccination appointments at <https://myturn.ca.gov/>. You can also text your ZIP code to GETVAX (438829) to instantly receive a list of vaccination sites near

you. For testing options (including free daily testing on campus), visit <https://www.hancockcollege.edu/covid/>.

If you DO NOT plan to get vaccinated:

If you're not vaccinated and don't plan to get the vaccine, **you must submit proof of negative tests on a regular basis using the Vax Check online tool you will be sent on Wednesday via your myHancock email.**

In order to access campus, you will have to answer all the questions on the Vax Check tool. You will need to use this tool to upload your Covid test results regularly.

To enter campus for any reason, you'll be required to submit a negative test result taken no more than three days prior to entering campus using the Vax Check tool. For example, if you have class on Monday, October 4, you need to get tested on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. Most tests take 24-72 hours to get results, so if you take the test on Sunday, you may not have the results in time to enter class on Monday. If you took the test on Friday, it will only be good for Monday – you'll need another test on Saturday, Sunday, or Monday to come back on Tuesday.

Hancock is offering limited testing at Building W Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m., but it is the responsibility of the student to ensure they get a negative test result and upload it using the Vax Check tool within the proper time frame. You can register to get a test at Hancock by going to <https://bit.ly/ahcovidtest>. You can also get a listing of off-campus testing sites through the [Santa Barbara County Public Health Department](#).

Information for everyone:

No matter which group you fall into, all students will continue to check in at health screening stations when arriving on campus. You will need to verify you are symptom-free using the [Daily Symptom Screening Tool](#) and get the daily health screening sticker.

Fully vaccinated students can still receive a \$250 gift card. You can learn how to claim your gift card at <https://bit.ly/ahcvaccine>. The sooner you get your vaccine, the sooner you can receive your gift card! Check your myHancock email for the latest information about Covid-19 vaccine and testing requirements at AHC.

You can learn more about vaccination and testing requirements at http://bit.ly/ahc_covid, and view an extensive list of frequently asked questions at https://bit.ly/ahc_faq. Have more questions? Call the Hancock Covid-19 Info Line at 805-922-6966 ext. 3887 for additional information.