

## **SUBJECT: COVID VACCINATION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Hancock student,

As you know, Hancock's Covid-19 vaccine and testing requirement begins on Oct. 4. There's a lot to keep track of as the October 1 deadline gets closer, so here's what you need to know:

### **FULLY VACCINATED FOR OVER TWO WEEKS?**

If by October 4 you've been fully vaccinated for over two weeks, you will be able to upload your proof of vaccination (photo of your vax card or [digital proof](#) of vaccination) to Hancock. We'll send a link soon, so keep an eye open for it.

What does "fully vaccinated" mean? Fully vaccinated means that you received your final dose of the Covid vaccine at least two weeks ago. For example, if you want to be fully vaccinated as of Oct. 4, you must have had your final vaccination dose *on or before* Sept. 20.

Additionally: Fully vaccinated students will also qualify to receive a \$250 Visa Gift card. The sooner you get vaccinated, the sooner you can pick up your gift card and accessing campus will become easier!

### **PARTIALLY VACCINATED or RECEIVED YOUR FINAL DOSE LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AGO?**

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 and 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. 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.

You'll be able to upload your proof of a test through a "Vax Check" online tool that will be emailed before Oct. 1.

Hancock is offering free Covid testing in Bldg. W on the Santa Maria campus and Lompoc Valley Center on weekdays (including Fridays), but rapid result tests are not available at this time. You can find other nearby sites at <https://covid19.ca.gov/get-tested>.

Once you're fully vaccinated and two weeks have passed since your final dose, you can submit your proof of vaccination through the online "Vax Check" tool and will no longer need to do regular testing before entering campus.

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### **NOT VACCINATED — BUT YOU WANT TO BE?**

If you're not vaccinated but plan to get your shot after Oct. 4, you'll need to submit tests until you've been fully vaccinated for two weeks.

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What does "fully vaccinated" mean? Fully vaccinated means that you received your final dose of the Covid vaccine at least two weeks ago. For example, if you want to be fully vaccinated as of Oct. 4, you must have had your final vaccination dose on or before Sept. 20. 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.

Additionally: Fully vaccinated students will also qualify to receive a \$250 Visa Gift card. The sooner you get vaccinated, the sooner you can pick up your gift card and accessing campus will become easier!

#### **NOT VACCINATED — AND DON'T PLAN TO BE?**

If you're not vaccinated and don't plan to get the vaccine, you must submit proof of negative tests on a regular basis.

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You'll be able to submit proof of your negative tests via a "Vax Check" online tool that will be emailed to you prior to Oct. 1.

#### **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 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](http://bit.ly/ahc_covid), and view an extensive list of frequently asked questions at [http://bit.ly/covid\\_faq](http://bit.ly/covid_faq).

Have more questions? Call the Hancock Covid-19 Info Line at 805-922-6966 ext. 3887 for additional information.