

We are excited to welcome students back to in-person learning this fall, but need to ensure that we have both safety protocols in place and to align with the requirements from local and state government, which have changed several times in the last couple weeks. We apologize for any confusion as the guidance and requirements have changed.

## ■ What do I need to do to take in-person classes this fall?

- At this time, if you are taking an in-person class, our strongest recommendation is to get vaccinated if you haven't already, and if you are able.
- If you have been vaccinated already, or if you are requesting a medical or religious exemption, please take the first step and attest in ctLink.

## ■ Is that all I have to do to prove my vaccination status?

- **No. You also need to verify your vaccination or exemption status with Campus Safety or at other approved locations based on specific circumstances. Here is how and when you need to do that:**
  - **By Sept. 20:** Complete your vaccination/exemption attestation in ctLink.
  - **By Sept. 24:** Verify at least one vaccination dose or provide exemption documentation.
  - To verify your vaccination, you will need your student ID number, photo ID and your CDC immunization card, MyIR certificate, or medical records certificate. Bring these to Campus Safety on either campus, or complete your verification online via **MyPierce** Instructions on how to do this can be found on our **Returning to Campus web page**.
  - **Students at JBLM** can also verify their vaccination status at the Pierce offices in the education centers on JBLM.
  - To verify your exemption, see your student email for a message sent on Sept. 8, which contains the appropriate forms for medical and religious exemptions. These forms can also be found on our **Returning to Campus web page**. You must bring these completed forms to Campus Safety, or stay tuned for an alternate online option, which will be sent out to you soon.
  - **On Sept. 25**, we will begin to withdraw students from in-person classes who have yet to verify their vaccination or exemption status. If you will be unable to verify your status by Sept. 24, we strongly encourage you to enroll in online classes only.

## ■ What if I will only have one dose of my vaccine by the first day of classes?

- This is fine – you can attest a single dose in ctLink and complete the verification process for your first dose. Then, you must return to the attestation and finish it when you complete your second dose. Your full vaccination must be verified in order to register for Winter Term 2021 classes.

## ■ Once you verify my vaccination status, can I stop wearing my mask?

- Until further notice, and as mandated by the governor, everyone must wear a mask indoors while on campus, regardless of their vaccination status.
- However, fully vaccinated students who have verified their status no longer need to fill out the daily **Health Check Form**. Unvaccinated students with approved exemptions will need to fill out this short Health Check Form each day before arriving on campus.
- To verify your exemption, see your student email for a message sent on Sept. 8, which contains the appropriate forms for medical and religious exemptions. These forms can also be found on our **Returning to Campus web page**. You must bring these completed forms to Campus Safety, or stay tuned for an alternate online option, which will be sent out to you soon.
- By submitting an exemption, you may be subject to restrictions and/or accommodations to participate in campus activities. If this is the case, the college will contact you.

## ■ What if I can't get vaccinated?

- **If you are not able to get vaccinated, we have a process for medical and religious exemptions.** The governor's office has removed the philosophical/personal exemption. If you are not vaccinated due to a personal choice, current state-wide restrictions allow you to enroll and engage in online learning, though you will not be able to come to campus for any services.

## ■ What if I already attested and claimed the philosophical exemption?

- If you plan to attend any in-person classes or services, you need to update your attestation in ctLink with at least the first dose of a vaccine, or choose the religious or medical exemption, as the governor's office has removed the option for the philosophical/personal exemption. If you choose not to get vaccinated or claim a religious or medical exemption, we encourage you to enroll in online courses.

## ■ When will I know what to do to claim an exemption?

- Please see your student email for a message sent on Wed., Sept. 8, which contains important information about the vaccine and exemption verification process, along with the appropriate forms you will need to fill out and return to Campus Safety, or stay tuned for an alternate online option, which will be sent out to you soon. You can also find this important information and links to downloadable vaccination and exemption forms on our **Returning to Campus web page**.

## ■ Do I need to withdraw if I can't get vaccinated or an exemption?

- No. If you do not think it will be possible to be vaccinated nor to acquire an exemption, you should look for courses that are offered fully online.

## ■ Do I need to complete the attestation if I'm only taking online classes?

- If you are planning to take all courses online, we still encourage you to attest, but it is not a requirement. You do not need to withdraw.

## ■ What are the impacts of not following these processes?

- These processes have been developed to be in compliance with state law and local guidance. Please know the following actions are considered in violation of the Student Code of Conduct:
  - Not wearing a mask when and where masks are required. JBLM has a 100% mask requirement inside all buildings on base, consistent with Governor's orders.
  - Misrepresentation of your vaccination or exemption status.
  - Coming to campus after September 24 without taking the necessary steps to verify your vaccination or exemption status.

### General Advice

We encourage you to continue to check your student email, social media, and the web for important updates.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding as we navigate this evolving situation!