

ACCS Vaccine Notice for Clinicals (8/5/21)

ATTENTION: HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENTS (VACCINE NOTICE FOR CLINICALS)

Please be advised that the College's third-party clinical affiliates may have different requirements than the College as it relates to the COVID-19 vaccine. The College strongly encourages all students to be vaccinated for COVID-19, but it is not mandatory for attendance. However, third-party health sciences affiliates who partner with the College (i.e., hospitals, long-term care facilities, and other healthcare providers) may require students presenting inside their facilities to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination in order to participate in the clinical portion of the College's health science curriculum. The College has no control over policies mandated by these clinical affiliates. The College is not requiring vaccination or proof of vaccination, but its third-party clinical affiliates might. The College wants to notify you that if you are unable to adhere to policies mandated by clinical partners, you may be unable to successfully complete courses which require clinicals.

Please note that healthcare facilities sometimes allow certain medical and religious exemptions relative to COVID-19 vaccination mandates. To apply for such exemption, a student would be required to provide the appropriate form for review and consideration by the clinical affiliates. If an exemption is not granted to the student by the clinical affiliate, the student will be required to adhere to the facility COVID-19 protocols which may include full vaccination, or the student will not be permitted to participate in the clinical experiences provided at that facility.

While the College will attempt to work to accommodate students who assert their rights under Alabama Act 2021-493, the College cannot guarantee that other clinical experiences will be available or available without similar vaccination requirements, and if this occurs, your ability to successfully complete the course may be unavoidable.

On-site clinical experience is an important and invaluable component of your health sciences education. Our goal is to provide the best health educational opportunities available that will prepare you for success in your future career. If you have not been vaccinated for COVID-19, please consider the potential educational and community impact in making your decision.

Students in health sciences may be asked to provide information about vaccinations to coordinate clinical experiences during the semester.