

At Labouré, the health and wellbeing of our students is our primary concern. The COVID-19 virus is one of the most serious pandemics the world has experienced and it is not over. The most effective protection against this virus is through vaccination. Many of the college's clinical partners are requiring employees to be fully vaccinated once the emergency use authorization is lifted for any *one* of the vaccines, which is likely to occur in late summer to early fall. In addition, some of our clinical partners are now requiring that students be fully vaccinated in order to attend fall clinical at their site. Most colleges in Massachusetts have already mandated the vaccine for their students.

For these reasons, **the COVID-19 vaccination will be required for all students who are on-campus or at a clinical site for the Fall 2021 semester.** Any student who is not fully vaccinated by **September 15** will be removed from their course and clinical site unless they have an approved waiver.

Please read below for next steps:

Students who are already vaccinated:

To upload your vaccination card to CoVerified, [please click here for instructions](#). If you have any difficulty with uploading your vaccination card to CoVerified, please reach out to WellnessCoordinator@laboure.edu.

Students who still need to get vaccinated:

You will need to begin the vaccination process no later than early August, depending on the vaccine you receive, in order to be prepared for clinical rotations which begin on or around September 15.

Students who have medical conditions or religious objections may submit a waiver for review:

Students may submit a waiver for medical or religious reasons. [Click here to download the waiver form](#). Medical waivers must include a physician's note. Waivers will be reviewed on an individual basis. **Please be aware: some clinical sites may NOT approve the waiver.** Clinical sites will have the final approval. The college is **not** able to adjust student clinical assignments based on the COVID-19 vaccination or waiver policy of the clinical site.

Students who choose to NOT get the COVID-19 Vaccination are NOT eligible for a waiver:

If you are not eligible for a waiver and decline to be vaccinated, you will be withdrawn from your professional course. Students will be placed on a one-semester leave. If not in compliance by the beginning of spring semester, the student will be administratively withdrawn from the college. The college cannot guarantee when a spot will be made available, though all efforts will be made to accommodate re-entry once proof of vaccination is received.

Students who are fully online (no clinical) in the fall semester:

You will need to show proof of a COVID-19 vaccination prior to registering for spring clinical and/or in person courses. The college is **not** able to adjust student clinical assignments based on the COVID-19 vaccination policy of the clinical site.

The college strongly encourages everyone to be vaccinated as this is the best way to protect you, your family, and others against COVID-19 and any variants. The college's decision was made after careful consideration of the known facts as well as the policies of our clinical partners.

Questions/Concerns

If you have questions or concerns regarding this policy, you may email alert@laboure.edu. Your message will be sent to the appropriate person for a response. Please allow 48-72 hours.