

Subject Line: COVID-19 Vaccine - You may be Eligible!

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This message is sent to all students and copied to all faculty and staff:

Dear Students:

The vaccine is becoming more widely available in both the County and State.

I strongly encourage you to closely review all current eligibility categories given that some of those categories are less known and understood. You may be surprised to learn that you are in fact eligible to receive the vaccine right now. For example, a few of the lesser-known eligibility categories include:

- Any student with a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or higher is vaccine eligible now. [Use this tool](#) to calculate your BMI.
- Any student working on campus, whether paid or receiving course credit, is vaccine eligible now.
- Any student working for as a for-hire vehicle driver (Uber or Lyft) or in food delivery is vaccine eligible now.
- Any student working in a childcare setting is vaccine eligible now.
- Any student volunteering to serve in a public-facing role for a community organization is vaccine eligible now.
- Any student working in an in-person role (intern, paid or unpaid, student teacher, tutor) at a P-12 school or district is vaccine eligible.
- Any student working in a paid or unpaid role in a healthcare setting is vaccine eligible.

Comorbidities and Underlying Conditions:

In addition to the above criteria, you are eligible if you have any of the following:

- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system)
- Cancer (current or in remission)
- Chronic kidney disease
- Heart conditions, including high blood pressure
- Pregnant
- Sickle cell disease or Thalassemia
- Type 1 or 2 diabetes
- Cerebrovascular disease (affects blood vessels and blood supply to the brain)
- Liver disease

If you are eligible here are the next steps:

1. Fill out the [NYS Am I Eligible Form](#).



2. Once completed the NYS locations with available vaccine will become available to schedule an appointment. You can also contact local pharmacies. Below is a list of the larger pharmacies. However, many of the local (non-chain) pharmacies in your neighborhoods have the vaccine available. I encourage you to be vigilant in calling and scheduling appointments. You can always take an appointment and continue to call and cancel if you can get a sooner appointment.
 - a. **CVS:** www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine#statetool
 - b. **Tops:** www.topsmarkets.com/Covid19Vaccinations/
 - c. **Wegmans:** www.wegmans.com/covid-vaccine-registration/
 - d. **Walgreens:** www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-vaccine.jsp
3. Bring proof of eligibility to the appointment such as your driver's license, government issued ID or your Medaille ID.
 - a. Eligible because of employment? Bring a paystub, letter from your supervisor verifying your on-campus employment.
 - b. Eligible due to a health condition? You likely will be required to sign the screening and consent form where you attest to your medical eligibility.
 - c. Bring an insurance card if you have one. However, it is free. You do not have to have an insurance card to get the vaccine.

If you are eligible, I strongly encourage you to schedule an appointment now. The vaccine is the best protection against the spread of COVID-19. We will be returning to fully in-person classes Fall 2021 so those students enrolled in traditional in-person classes will be expected to return to campus. Please do your part and get vaccinated to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Best,

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