

Week of August 9, 2021

A weekly newsletter with news and information for Niagara County Community College Students

Greetings NCCC Student:

Since the start of the pandemic in March 2020, Niagara County Community College (NCCC) has followed safety protocols that supported a modified operation of classes and operations. All NCCC stakeholders have been very cooperative and helped ensure that we provided the safest operation possible. As the nation moves toward the next phase in the pandemic, NCCC has established a safety plan to help the campus return to pre-pandemic normalcy. The plan relies on the campus constituents remaining vigilant and committed to following the protocols below:

- 1. Although the use of the COVID vaccine remains a key force in ensuring the safety of the campus and all individuals are highly encouraged to be vaccinated, vaccinations will not be required by NCCC for students and employees. This is subject to change on federal, state and local health department guidelines.
- 2. All students and employees should verify with the campus when they have been vaccinated and provide proof of their vaccination card. Students should provide their information to the Wellness Center located in C-122. A sticker will be provided to the student and employee to place on the back of their ID badge.
- 3. Due to the recent increases in the COVID cases, at this time <u>ALL</u> individuals entering the building will be required to wear a mask at all times, <u>EXCEPT</u> when they are actively eating, or alone in their personal office. Unfortunately, with the increase in cases effective August 9, 2021 we will adhere to this guidance until notified otherwise.
- 4. Testing will remain a key component of our safety protocols.
- 5. Individuals who have verified proof of vaccination(s) <u>will not</u> be required to be tested unless they do so voluntarily or display symptoms upon entering the campus.
- 6. Individuals who have <u>NOT</u> verified proof of their vaccination(s) will be subject to testing protocols. Those unvaccinated will be required to test weekly. All costs incurred for required testing on campus will be covered in full by the College. If such individuals do not test according to the requirements, they will be restricted from entering campus until they have been tested or verify proof of a negative test from an authorized outside testing center. Students failing to follow the testing requirement will be subject to campus discipline as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct
- 7. All athletes are <u>recommended</u> to be fully vaccinated prior to any intercollegiate / club sport activity (including practice and competition). Athletes who are not fully vaccinated will be required to participate in <u>weekly</u> COVID 19 pool testing as well as wearing masks while not actively participating in the competition or practice.
- 8. All residential students who do not have a verified vaccination must provide a negative test, completed no more than 5 days prior to move-in and provide attestation of a 10-day self-quarantine prior to receiving access to their assigned room. This information must be provided to the housing office. Vaccinated students may request a room assignment with only fully vaccinated students.

All students and employees who have not provided proof of vaccination (s), <u>must</u> continue to self-screen on Banner Web prior to entering the campus. Individuals experiencing symptoms or who have answered yes to any of the questions should not report to campus and should contact the Wellness Center at 716-614-6277 for further guidance. Thank you for your cooperation and ensuring a safe environment for our students and employees. As guidance and conditions are constantly evolving, the recent guidance is subject to change. Further correspondence will follow as required. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me via email at jpitman@niagaracc.suny.edu.

Julia D. Pitman, Vice President for Student Services

Registration & Records Office News:

Summer Deadline Dates for a "W"/"S"/"U" Grade OR to Withdraw from the College

- Full-Term Summer (5/24-8/19) 8/3/21
- Summer II (7/12-8/19) 8/12//21

Please be mindful of the possible implications for transferability of S/U grades. Both grading options may also impact eligibility for Excelsior. Please check with the Financial Aid Office for questions related to Excelsior.

- Withdraw from a Class To drop a course and receive a W (withdrawal) grade as a final grade, complete the electronic <u>Drop or</u> Withdraw from a Course form.
- Withdraw from College (All Classes) To withdraw online from the college and receive "X" grades for ALL of your current courses, complete the electronic <u>Withdrawal from College</u> form. If you completed any modular courses, you will receive the grade earned and "W" grades will be applied to all other college coursework.

Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) Grades – To elect to receive a final grade of S/U in a course, students must submit the electronic S/U grade request form which will also require approvals from the course instructor and the student's advisor. Selecting the S/U option may be beneficial to students in certain circumstances; however, students should be aware of the impact on course loads in future semesters, financial aid/academic standing implications, and the transferability of S/U grades.

Mod courses differ in deadlines – refer to the online <u>Student Calendar</u> for more information. If you have any questions, please email <u>records@niagaracc.suny.edu</u> or stop in A-105.

Mandatory COVID testing for those not vaccinated:

Mandatory weekly COVID-19 testing is still required for all who have not been fully vaccinated or who have not provided their proof of vaccination card who have classes on campus. COVID testing takes place in the D101 in the Learning Commons on the Sanborn Campus at the following times:

Monday	10:00am - 6:30pm
Tuesday	9:00am - 3:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am - 3:00pm
Thursday	12:30pm - 6:30pm

COVID testing takes place at NFCI from 10-4 on Wednesdays.



Student Health 101: Campus Well Click below for the latest issue:



Student Calendar:



Academic Center for Excellence (ACE):

https://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/ace/

Campus Pantry Information:

REMINDER: Pantry Orders for Summer will be processed on a bi-weekly basis. You may place your order here... https://forms.gle/S8jeFPxpTxeH5mKVA

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