

Hudson Valley Community College
Guidance: COVID-19 Protocols and Safety Plan for Fall 2021
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As we navigate the second year of the pandemic, Hudson Valley Community College is optimistic that the Fall 2021 academic term will be far different from last fall and include the resumption of more on-campus academic and co-curricular activities. However, the unprecedented disruption to the campus community and the widespread financial, academic, social, emotional and physical impact caused by the pandemic will require ongoing attention, resources and anticipatory planning.

The emergence of more transmittable COVID-19 variants is an ongoing threat, and in some respects, preparing for the fall semester is more complicated than it was during previous terms since the pandemic began. The college must maintain monitoring and surveillances processes; distinguish between vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals; and continue to monitor (as necessary) daily health screening, masking and social distancing, as well as weekly on-campus pooled surveillance testing. Although COVID-19 vaccines are now widely available, not everyone has elected to receive a vaccine. As a result, encouraging and/or mandating vaccination among the campus community is a primary focus of our plan for the semester ahead, especially as we await potential FDA approval of vaccines for non-emergency use and determine how best to comply with state mandates on student vaccinations that will go into effect at that time.

All questions or concerns about this plan should be addressed to the Vice President of Student Affairs Louis Coplin at l.coplin@hvcc.edu or (518) 629-7307.

I. Masks and Social Distancing.

Mask Mandate: To maximize protection from COVID-19 and its variants, and prevent transmission to others, and in keeping with recent CDC recommendations, effective immediately *Hudson Valley will impose mask wearing requirements for all vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals in all indoor spaces on campus, which includes instructional settings, unless you are alone in a private office or classroom.* Masks will be made available for all students, faculty and staff who do not bring their own to campus, and instructional spaces will maintain social distancing throughout the Fall 2021 semester. Eating and drinking in instructional spaces will be prohibited. As a reminder, masks must be worn over the nose and mouth, and masks with exhalation vents will not be permitted. Choose a type and fit of mask that complies with [CDC mask usage guidelines](#).

Hudson Valley will continue to work with campus stakeholders in the development of any additional policy changes and broadly communicate health and safety procedures to the entire college community. Additional requirements may be imposed by New York State DOH,

Rensselaer County DOH, SUNY or the college administration based upon increasing COVID-19 transmission rates on campus or in the greater community.

Special consideration: A person with a disability who cannot safely wear a mask, because of a disability defined by the ADA (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) may submit a request to the Center for Access and Assistive Technology for an exemption from mask wearing based on a medical accommodation, regardless of vaccination status.

II. Large Event Capacity Limits

New York State's COVID-19 restrictions remain in effect for large-scale indoor event venues, now defined as indoor venues that hold more than 5,000 attendees.

Although Hudson Valley has no indoor venue with a 5,000-attendee capacity, mask usage and social distancing will be required for all college-sponsored events held indoors or outdoors with a large capacity crowd. Signs indicating maximum capacity will be posted at all large event venues.

III. Mandatory Vaccination for Students

New York State has announced a COVID-19 vaccination mandate for all students who intend to engage in in-person activities, including taking on-campus classes or accessing in-person services, at any SUNY campus, pending FDA approval of a vaccine. To that end, SUNY system administration has implemented a COVID-19 policy, and is developing a system-wide solution for all campuses to track verified vaccination status. The college will be required to utilize this system once the FDA approves at least one vaccine for non-emergency use. All students, including those vaccinated outside of New York State, will be required to submit appropriate documentation to the campus proving their vaccination status.

Vaccination requirements

All students attending a SUNY institution in the Fall 2021 term and thereafter will be provided information about the COVID-19 vaccination mandate and must either receive a COVID-19 vaccine, or obtain an approved exemption (religious or medical).

The Vice President for Student Affairs has sent email communications to incoming and returning students to provide the appropriate information about COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccine requirements. Students should be aware of infection prevention protocols at the college and the need for vaccination for the upcoming semester, and have received notice of the potential disruption of their studies if they choose not to be vaccinated. Students have been informed that vaccination will become mandatory for all students taking on-campus courses once the FDA approves a vaccine for non-emergency use, and have been informed of the college's refund and withdrawal policies, as well as the availability of remote and online course modalities in many areas of study.

Consistent with current immunization requirements, students taking on-campus classes, utilizing campus services or attending clinical rotations at a SUNY facility will have up to 30 calendar days to submit proof of receiving either a single dose COVID-19 vaccine or beginning a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series once the FDA approves a vaccine. Students requesting a refund should refer to the [Refund Policy](#).

On-campus COVID-19 vaccination clinics will be facilitated throughout the Fall 2021 semester with the Rensselaer County Department of Health. This information will be published in the Campus Chronicle and emailed to all students by the Vice President of Student Affairs.

Receipt of Vaccination Information

Once the FDA approval and subsequent state vaccine mandate goes into effect, students who plan to attend in-person classes and/or utilize in-person services or clinical rotations at a SUNY facility shall present evidence of receiving the full series of any COVID-19 vaccine prior to coming to campus and show that such vaccine was received prior to arriving on HVCC's campus for any reason, including, without limitation, attending in-person campus classes and /or entering any HVCC facilities. Vaccination documentation should be uploaded to the college's [Pooled Testing Exemption webpage](#). Proof of antibodies through test results cannot be used as an alternative to proof of a COVID-19 vaccine.

- **Athletics** All student-athletes must be vaccinated to participate in practices, competition and team meetings.
- Coaching staff (employees) are encouraged to be vaccinated; however if they elect not to vaccinate, they must wear a face mask, social distance, and test weekly.

1. International COVID-19 Vaccination

International students who have obtained a COVID-19 vaccine may provide documentation signed by a health care provider duly licensed to practice medicine in the US or a foreign country, and such documentation must include name and DOB of the student; date of vaccination; and name of vaccination given. International students who have received COVID-19 vaccines not licensed or under an EUA by the FDA in the US or by the WHO may apply for a medical exemption. Medical exemption will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. In general, the college may designate the student partially vaccinated and students will be subject to the conditions of a medical exemption. (See below).

International students and all students who are traveling abroad and arrive in the US, regardless of vaccination status, will be subject to a quarantine restriction before being permitted on campus.

2. Allowable Exemption Categories

Students who are unable to receive the vaccine for medical or religious reasons should complete the [Request For Waiver From Immunization \(PDF\)](#) to request a vaccine exemption.

Medical Exemption

Student may be exempt from this vaccine requirement if a duly licensed health care provider certifies in writing that the COVID-19 vaccination may be detrimental to the student's health. In such a case, the college shall provide reasonable accommodation so long as the failure to be vaccinated does not prevent the student from otherwise fulfilling the programmatic or curricular requirements of their academic program. This exemption shall also be available for international students who received a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized or approved by the FDA. Students granted a medical exemption will be subject to submitting a negative COVID-19 test within five days prior to attending classes. On-campus testing will be available August 24, 25, and 26, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Students granted a medical exemption will be required to undergo weekly pooled testing; complete daily health screening, maintain six feet of social distancing and wear a face mask while indoors on campus.

Religious Exemption

Students who hold genuine and sincere religious beliefs which are contrary to COVID-19 vaccination may be exempt after submitting a written statement to that effect. Such a statement should explain how receiving the COVID-19 vaccine conflicts with the student's beliefs or practices and how receiving the COVID-19 vaccine will not otherwise prevent the student's completion of their programmatic or curricular requirements of their academic program.

General philosophical or moral objection to vaccination shall not suffice as the basis for a religious exemption. Students granted a religious exemption will be subject to submitting a negative COVID-19 test within five days prior to attending classes. On campus testing will be available August 24, 25, and 26, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Students granted a religious exemption will be required to undergo weekly pooled testing; complete daily health screening, maintain six feet of social distancing and wear a face mask while indoors on campus.

IV. Daily Health Screening

To ensure the health and safety of our on-campus community, all unvaccinated students, faculty and staff must complete a daily self-screening health questionnaire prior to arriving each day. Anyone with signs and symptoms of infectious illness should stay home when sick and/or seek medical care. Temperature checks are no longer required with daily health screening.

NOTE: Vaccinated students and employees who submit proof of vaccination through the [Employee & Student Testing Exemption form](#) and receive approval are not required to complete the daily screening.

V. Mandatory Pause Requirements

The mandatory pause is no longer in effect. However, New York State DOH, Rensselaer County Department of Health, SUNY and the HVCC's administration retain the authority to pause a campus activity or require additional testing or other health and safety measures for all students, faculty or staff regardless of their vaccination status, in cases of increased community transmission.

VI. Cleaning Protocols

The New York State mandatory cleaning and disinfection protocols are no longer in effect. However, Hudson Valley continues to encourage the cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces, such as common areas and shared workstations, at least once a day, and the regular cleaning and disinfection of other surfaces as necessary, given the level of traffic through the space and general risk of community transmission of COVID-19. The college will continue to provide hand sanitization stations and/or cleaning supplies within instructional spaces and workplaces for individuals to use; specifically, hand washing, such as soap, running water or disposable towels or hand sanitizing, such as alcohol-based sanitizer with 60 percent or more alcohol where hand washing may not be available or practical.

If there is an incident on campus that is deemed a risk to any individual or group of individuals, the Emergency Preparedness Committee will convene and the Cleaning and Disinfection Protocol as written in spring 2020 will be immediately implemented out of an abundance of caution.

VII. Ventilation and Air Filtration

In every appropriate campus facility, the college Physical Plant, with the recommendations of the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, will increase outdoor airflow and ventilation rates in indoor settings to the extent compatible with individual comfort and safety and in accordance with building codes and standards, as well as applicable lease, contract, or other use agreement requirements. In indoor areas where air is recirculated, it is appropriate to consider higher-rated filtration within HVAC systems as supported by the filter rack and air handling system, so long as the system can perform to the level of heating and cooling that it was able to provide prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency. It is also recommended to consider other appropriate indoor air quality measures, such as portable fans, filters, and air cleaners.

VIII. Telecommuting Policies

The Office of Human Resources in conjunction with the Vice President of Administration and Finance will evaluate any and all employee requests regarding working from an off-campus location.

IX. COVID-19 Testing

To ensure the health and safety of our community, the college urges every student, faculty and staff member to get vaccinated.

Mandatory weekly testing will continue to be required for any student, faculty or staff member who has a physical presence on campus and who has not been fully vaccinated or who has not shown proof of vaccination. Fully vaccinated students and employees (including auxiliary workers and vendors with a regular on-campus presence) may opt-out from mandatory weekly testing upon the submission of documentation showing completion of a full vaccination series (definition subject to change based on final recommendations from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and CDC on booster shots).

Beginning August 23, 2021, testing will take place in the campus center from 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Fridays for the duration of the Fall 2021 semester.

Subject to final New York State guidance, COVID-19 vaccines recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO) may now be accepted for purposes of determining vaccination status.

1. Diagnostic (PCR) testing of all symptomatic persons, including vaccinated persons who display COVID-related symptoms, will continue.
2. Mandatory weekly testing is required for all unvaccinated students, faculty and staff.
3. The college is required to report testing results daily through the SUNY Health Portal but can pre-fill entries for days (e.g. weekends) when no testing is done or is anticipated to be done.
4. Any incidents of non-compliance with campus testing will continue to be handled according to the colleges' Code of Conduct for students and through Human Resources for employees.
5. The college may impose more frequent testing of students and employees and/or other health and safety measures, regardless of vaccination status, if conditions warrant additional measures.

X. Pre-semester Testing

At a minimum, unvaccinated students must provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test taken within five days prior to arriving on campus at the start of their semester/term. Testing will be available on campus. To meet the five-day requirement, students must be tested on Tuesday, August 24, Wednesday, August 25 or Thursday, August 26 if they are enrolled in on-campus

classes that begin Monday, August 30. In lieu of a negative test, the college has the discretion to impose additional requirements.

Current CDC guidance indicates that fully vaccinated individuals who are exposed to COVID-19 do not have to quarantine unless they are symptomatic. Fully vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals who test positive must report their positive test result to Health Services and isolate for 10 days.

XI. Residence Halls, Quarantine and Isolation Spaces

Not applicable

XII. Uniform Sanctioning Compliance Guidance

All COVID-19 compliance issues will be conducted through the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, utilizing the college's Student Code of Conduct.

All employee non-compliance should be reported to the Office of Human Resources.

XIII. Academic Calendar

The college will follow the 2021-22 HVCC Academic Calendar as published (<https://www.catalog.hvcc.edu>)

XIV. College in High School

Students in concurrent enrollment programs must follow the health and safety guidelines and protocols of the location at which they receive instruction. If the course is delivered at their high school, they must follow the local school district guidelines. If a student takes a course on campus, they must follow the campus guidelines. However, high school students will only be subject to vaccine and testing requirements as designated by New York State local health departments and guidelines provided by local school districts.

XV. Contractors and Visitors

Contractors and visitors must enter campus through Guenther Enrollment Services Center and check in at the Public Safety station to register their presence on campus and acknowledge requirements while on campus. Public Safety will issue a wrist band for the contractor or visitor, verifying they have completed the process. The college's daily health screening form is available online:

<https://www.hvcc.edu/covid19/health-screening/public-form.html>

XVI. Campus Safety Monitors

College President Dr. Roger Ramsammy has appointed Executive Director of External and Government Affairs, Regina M. LaGatta (r.lagatta@hvcc.edu/ 518-629-7736) as the campus safety monitor, who will have the responsibility of coordinating the ongoing campus compliance with all COVID-19 related guidance. The campus safety monitor is responsible to report to SUNY throughout Fall 2021 every Tuesday and Friday at 11 a.m. to complete a series of questions monitoring the health and safety of the campus and participate at the Wednesday weekly monitors' meeting. Any changes to the designated person will be submitted to Valerie Dent at Valerie.Dent@suny.edu.

XVII. Travel

The college will continue to follow current NYSDOH guidance on testing, vaccination, and quarantine requirements related to travel.

**Capital District Educational Opportunity Center
a division of Hudson Valley Community College**

COVID-19 Protocols and Safety Plan for Fall 2021

The Capital District Educational Opportunity Center (EOC, center) is a SUNY funded division of Hudson Valley Community College (HVCC) and subject to the overall policies and procedures outlined by HVCC relative to on-site operations. The purpose of this document is to serve as a guide for the continued occupancy and on-site operations of the EOC under COVID-19 restrictions for Fall 2021.

As part of HVCC, the EOC is required to align its policies with the campus. Therefore, the EOC will follow all policies, protocols or expectations promulgated by the college including policies dealing with vulnerable populations.

For the academic year 2021-2022, the EOC will offer programs in its main facility at 431 River Street in Troy and remotely. The EOC's satellite facility at 30 N Russell Road in Albany will remain closed for the 2021-2022 year.

In response to SUNY's request for COVID-19 Protocols and Safety Plans for Fall 2021, the following is provided relative to EOC Operations.

I. Masks and Social Distancing

Mask Mandate: To maximize protection from the Delta variant as well as any potential future variants and prevent possible spread to others, in keeping with the recent CDC recommendations and following HVCC guidance, the EOC will impose, effective immediately, mask wearing requirements in all public indoor spaces, including instructional classrooms and laboratories. This mask mandate applies to all individuals regardless of vaccination status. Individuals occupying offices or other spaces are not required to wear masks while alone in the room.

To ensure employees, students and visitors comply with protective equipment requirements, the EOC:

- Provides employees and students with an acceptable face covering at no-cost to the individual and has an adequate supply of coverings in case of replacement.
- Expects that face coverings will be cleaned by the employee or student or replaced when damaged or soiled.
- Expects that face coverings will not be shared
- Provides disposable face coverings to employees, students, and/or visitors who are not able to provide one of their own.
- Displays signage throughout the building to remind individuals of the mask mandate.

Social Distancing Mandate: Pursuant to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, fully vaccinated individuals are not required to maintain social distancing while unvaccinated individuals are responsible for adhering to the current 6-foot social distancing requirement. However, for the Fall 2021 term, the EOC will continue to require social distancing in all instructional spaces, conference rooms and other communal spaces and strongly encourage social distancing in other areas even for those who are fully vaccinated.

Additionally,

- Individuals will be encouraged to maintain a 6-foot distance unless safety or core function of the work activity requires a shorter distance.
- Tightly confined spaces where a 6-foot distance cannot be maintained by occupants will be occupied by only one individual at a time unless all individuals are vaccinated.
- Shared office spaces will be maintained at capacity limits as mandated by current state requirements.
- Where appropriate, social distancing markers have been placed on floors or walls, using tape or signs, that denote 6-feet of spacing in commonly used and other applicable areas.
- The EOC will continue to limit in-person gatherings as much as possible and use tele-or video-conferencing whenever possible.
- Essential in-person gatherings (e.g. meetings) will be held in open, well-ventilated spaces with appropriate social distancing among participants.
- The EOC has designated areas for pick-ups and deliveries, limiting contact to the extent possible.

Special consideration A person with a disability who cannot safely wear a mask, because of a disability as defined by the ADA (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) may submit a request to the HVCC Center for Access and Assistive technology for consideration of an exemption from mask wearing based on a medical accommodation, regardless of vaccination status.

Community Transmission and Updates Additional requirements regarding masks and/or social distancing may be imposed by New York State DOH, Rensselaer County Department of Health or SUNY and HVCC Administrations. EOC will continue to work closely with HVCC in the development of any changes to protocols. The center will broadly communicate procedure changes via internal communications to staff and use of the Remind App for students.

II. Large Event Capacity Limits

Not applicable. EOC has no large venue spaces with capacity of 5,000 or more.

III. Mandatory Vaccination for Students and Vaccination Management System

The EOC is not a public university and thus it is yet to be determined if the mandate of COVID vaccinations for students upon the FDA's approval of the vaccine for non-emergency use is to be applied.

Assuming that SUNY extends this mandate to EOC students, the center will comply with SUNY System Administration requirements to track verified vaccination status of students and will comply with student consent requirements.

In anticipation of the extension of a vaccination mandate to EOC students, the center has communicated with students and applicants informing them of this potential and the impact/disruption that the mandate could have on their continued enrollment. Throughout the 2021-2022 year, these communications will continue to be transmitted to both incoming and enrolled students.

As the EOC is a tuition-free educational institution, it is not necessary for the center to communicate to students the issues relative to tuition refunds. Under the EOC's continuous enrollment policy, students who may need to exit enrollment due to vaccination status will be able to reenroll immediately upon demonstrating proof of full vaccination status.

If and when vaccines are mandated for EOC students, individuals may obtain an exemption from vaccination under the following categories.

- **Medical Exemption** - Student may be exempt from this vaccine requirement if a duly licensed health care provider certifies in writing that the COVID-19 Vaccination may be detrimental to the student's health. In such a case EOC shall provide reasonable accommodation to those students whose medical condition contraindicates COVID-19 Vaccination so long as the failure to be vaccinated does not prevent the student from otherwise fulfilling the programmatic or curricular requirements of their academic program. Such student will be required to participate in mandatory weekly pooled testing; complete the daily screening, maintain six feet of social distancing and wear a face mask at all times.
- **Religious Exemption** - Students who hold genuine and sincere religious belief which are contrary to COVID-19 may be exempt after submitting a written statement to that effect as required by EOC. Such a statement should explain how receiving the COVID-19 Vaccination conflicts with the student's sincere religious belief or practice and how receiving the COVID-19 vaccination will not otherwise prevent the student's completion of their programmatic or curricular requirements of the academic program. General philosophical or moral objection to such vaccine shall not suffice as the basis for a religious exemption. As needed, EOC will confer with HVCC relative to the administration of religious exemptions. Students granted a religious exemption will be required to participate in mandatory weekly pooled testing; complete the daily screening, maintain six feet of social distancing and wear a face mask at all times.

All requests for exemptions will be made through the EOC Coordinator for Student Services.

Until such time as the mandate is extended to EOC students and the EOC is required to participate in the SUNY sponsored vaccination tracking system, students will provide proof of vaccination to the EOC's Enrollment Management Services Department. This information will be used to verify whether students must comply with weekly COVID-19 surveillance testing requirements or if they are exempt from weekly testing.

IV. Daily Health Screening

All unvaccinated individuals coming to the EOC must complete a daily self-health screening questionnaire prior to arriving each day. Anyone with signs and symptoms of infectious illness should stay home when sick and/or seek medical care. Temperature checks are no longer required with daily health screening.

Vaccinated employees who submit proof of vaccination through the HVCC [Employee & Student Testing Exemption form](#) and receive approval are not required to complete the daily screening. EOC students who submit appropriate proof of vaccination to the EOC Enrollment Management Services office are not required to complete the daily screening.

V. Mandatory Pause Requirements

The NYS requirements for mandatory pause are no longer in effect. However, in cases of increased community transmission, New York State DOH, Rensselaer County Department of Health, SUNY or HVCC Administration retains the authority to pause any EOC activity or require additional testing for all students, faculty or staff regardless of their vaccination status.

VI. Cleaning Protocols

The New York State mandatory cleaning and disinfection protocols are no longer in effect. However, EOC continues to encourage the cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces, such as common areas and shared workstations, at least once a day and regularly clean and disinfect other surfaces as necessary given the level of traffic and type of individuals who use the space and general risk of community transmission of COVID-19.

EOC will continue to provide hand hygiene stations or supplies within instructional spaces and workplaces for individuals to use; specifically, hand washing, such as soap, running water or disposable towels or hand sanitizing, such as alcohol-based sanitizer with 60 percent or more alcohol where hand washing may not be available or practical.

If there is an incident at the EOC that is deemed a risk to any individual or group of individuals, center personnel will work under the guidance and direction of the Emergency Preparedness Committee of HVCC to administer college cleaning and disinfection protocols.

VII. Ventilation and Air Filtration

The EOC occupies rented space at 431 River Street Troy. The building is owned and maintained by First Columbia Corporation. Ventilation systems are owned and maintained by the landlord. Systems supporting the EOC lease space including filtration systems have been reviewed by EOC operations staff and have been deemed appropriate to support expected levels for outdoor airflow and ventilation rates to the extent compatible with individual comfort and safety and in accordance with building codes and standards.

Additionally, EOC has purchased and, under the direction of the EOC Coordinator of Operations, Technology and Infrastructure, deploys and utilizes other appropriate indoor air quality measures, such as portable fans, filters, and air cleaners as is appropriate.

VIII. Telecommuting Policies

The Vice President/Executive Director and of the EOC will review and evaluate any and all EOC employee requests regarding working from an off- campus location and will consult with the HVCC Office of Human Resources and the HVCC Vice President of Administration and Finance as needed and required.

IX. COVID-19 Testing

The goal is to have every student, faculty and staff member vaccinated and the center will continue to communicate the benefits of vaccination to its community and particularly to students.

Until such time as vaccinations are required, mandatory weekly COVID-19 surveillance testing will continue to be required for any student, faculty or staff member who has a physical presence at the EOC and who has not provided documentation to demonstrate that they have been fully vaccinated. Fully vaccinated students and employees may opt-out from mandatory weekly testing upon the submission of documentation showing completion of a full vaccination series. Employees submit proof of vaccination through the HVCC [Employee & Student Testing Exemption form](#) and EOC students submit proof of vaccination to the EOC Enrollment Management Services office.

An individual is considered fully vaccinated: (1) two weeks after receiving the second dose in a two dose COVID-19 vaccine series or (2) two weeks after receiving a single dose COVID-19

vaccine. The definition of fully vaccinated is subject to change based on FDA and CDC recommendations relative to booster shots.

At such time as the FDA approves COVID vaccines for other than emergency use, the EOC will comply with SUNY and HVCC requirements regarding enrollment of students in on-site courses.

The EOC will work with HVCC to ensure that:

6. Diagnostic (PCR) testing of all symptomatic persons, including vaccinated persons who display COVID-related symptoms, will continue.
7. The mandatory testing agreements for unvaccinated faculty and staff are in place prior to the start of the Fall 2021 Semester.
8. To provide appropriate data for college reporting to SUNY or other entities.
9. Any incidents of non-compliance with testing will continue to be handled through the Office of Human Resources for employees and the center's code of conduct for students.
10. Provide more frequent testing of students and employees, regardless of vaccination status, if conditions warrant additional measures.

X. Pre-Semester Testing and Quarantine

EOC is a non-residential educational institution providing academic instruction and vocational training to educationally underprepared and economically disadvantaged adults. This instruction is provided in a continuous enrollment/competency-based environment. Unlike college campuses where students begin enrollment at the start of a term and maintain that enrollment throughout the term, the EOC enrolls students every two weeks throughout the year. Ensuring that all unvaccinated students provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test taken within the past (5) days prior to arriving on site is not practical or feasible.

All unvaccinated students will be required to participate in weekly COVID surveillance testing.

XI. Residence Halls, Quarantine and Isolation Space

Not applicable. The EOC does not have resident halls.

XII. Uniform Sanctioning Compliance Guidance

All student discipline in relation to COVID-19 compliance will be conducted through the office of the Coordinator of Student Services.

All employee non-compliance will be managed by the Vice President/Executive Director of the EOC in conjunction with the HVCC Office of Human Resources.

XIII. Academic Calendar

The 2021-2022 academic calendar for the EOC is published on the center's website.

XIV. College in the High School

Not applicable. The EOC does not have a college in the high school program.

XV. Visitors

Contractors and Vendors to the EOC will be required to enter through center's main lobby and to register their presence with security and the receptionist who will ensure that appropriate screening is conducted and that mask requirements are communicated and acknowledged.

XVI. Campus Safety Monitors

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XVII. Travel

The center will follow HVCC guidance related to testing, vaccination, and quarantine requirements related to travel.