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Dear RCC Students,

Today, the Presidents of the Massachusetts community colleges are announcing that students, faculty, and staff at the Commonwealth's 15 community colleges must be fully vaccinated by January 2022.

The health and safety of the RCC community have remained a priority throughout the pandemic, and it is now clear that mandating the COVID-19 vaccine is required to continue providing a safe and healthy campus environment.

Know that this mandate applies to all RCC employees and students who enroll in in-person or hybrid classes for the spring 2022 semester. Students exclusively enrolled in online or remote classes are not required to adhere to the vaccine mandate.

Information on the collection and secure storage of COVID-19 vaccination records will be released over the coming weeks. Know that:

- RCC is committed to storing all student records safely and securely. We will explore all available options to ensure that your COVID-19 vaccination records remain private and confidential.
- Once the process for collecting records is solidified, you will be expected to show proof of full vaccination status by **Wednesday, January 19, 2022**, if you are enrolled in an in-person or hybrid course for the spring 2022 semester.
- The vaccine mandate does not have an impact on the [COVID-19 vaccination incentive program](#), which rewards students for receiving the vaccine before the mandate goes into effect. You can expect to receive detailed instructions for participating in the incentive program later this week.

If you need to schedule a vaccination appointment:

1. RCC is hosting a pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinic in the Student Commons on Wednesday, 10/13/2021, from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm. [Please click here to pre-register for your vaccination appointment](#). Walk-ins are also welcome.
2. You can visit <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/> to find a vaccination location near you.

Additional details on the COVID-19 vaccine mandate will be released over the coming weeks. For now, please direct all questions and concerns to [COVID-19@rcc.mass.edu](mailto:COVID-19@rcc.mass.edu). Thank you.

Take care,

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