

Suffolk County Community College

College Brief

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TO: The College Community

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SUBJECT: Fully-Vaccinated Faculty and Staff Can Shift to Monthly COVID-19 Testing for the Remainder of the Summer

Last month, faculty and staff were invited to voluntarily submit a scanned copy of their COVID-19 vaccination card to the Office of Human Resources. At that time, this invitation was advanced in anticipation of being able to require less frequent pooled saliva testing for those faculty and staff who were fully vaccinated.

Since that time, the College has received **updated summer 2021 guidance** issued by the SUNY Chancellor relative to allowing less frequent mandatory testing for fully-vaccinated individuals. The College's Safe Start Task Force recommended to Interim President Petrizzo that the College shift to **mandatory monthly COVID-19 testing through August 31st, for all fully-vaccinated employees on campus during the summer months.** This recommendation has been approved.

Fully-vaccinated employees who would like to begin testing on a monthly basis for July and August, should scan and provide a copy of their vaccination card to Human Resources at this address AVPHR@sunysuffolk.edu , if they have not already done so. Employees can also call Human Resources at (631)-451-4207 to schedule an appointment to bring a copy of their card to the office. All vaccination cards will only be handled by staff within the Office of Human Resources and copies will remain confidential.

A comprehensive testing calendar (<https://www.sunysuffolk.edu/coronavirus/covid-testing-schedule.jsp>) is already in place that will enable the College to provide sufficient options for monthly testing throughout the summer.

Employees who are not fully vaccinated or who choose not to submit a vaccination card to Human Resources, will continue to be required to participate in mandatory weekly COVID-19 testing throughout the summer months.

Please note that the College is aware of New York Governor Cuomo's June 15th announcement regarding lifting of most COVID-19 restrictions across New York State. We are working with SUNY to ascertain the impact of this announcement at the College and across all SUNY institutions and will update the College community as soon as possible.