

Suffolk County Community College

College Brief

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TO: The College Community

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SUBJECT: College Employees with Underlying Health Conditions
Invited to Apply for COVID-19 Vaccine Consideration

In College Brief #68, issued on January 25, 2021, Interim President Petrizzo advised the community that the College would assist the County by making its campuses available to help in the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. At the current time, buildings on all three of our campuses are being used as points of distribution for the County's vaccination plans. Today, the William J. Lindsay Life Sciences Building on the Ammerman Campus was designated as the newest location dedicated for this purpose; the County has indicated it will seek to inoculate municipal workers with underlying health conditions at this site.

In recognition of the challenges faced by many individuals seeking the vaccination, Interim President Petrizzo has successfully appealed for College employees who have been diagnosed with identified underlying conditions, to also be considered for vaccination at this site.

Earlier this week, New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo released the list of comorbidities and underlying conditions that New York State will use to determine eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine (please see the current, full list below). The list is subject to change as additional scientific evidence is published and as New York State obtains and analyzes additional state-specific data:

- Cancer (current or in remission, including 9/11-related cancers)
- Chronic kidney disease
- Pulmonary Disease, including but not limited to, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), asthma (moderate-to-severe), pulmonary fibrosis, cystic fibrosis, and 9/11 related pulmonary diseases
- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities including Down Syndrome
- Heart conditions, including but not limited to heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies, or hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) including but not limited to solid organ transplant or from blood or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, HIV, use of corticosteroids, use of other immune weakening medicines, or other causes

- Severe Obesity (BMI 40 kg/m²), Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 kg/m² or higher but < 40 kg/m²)
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease or Thalassemia
- Type 1 or 2 diabetes mellitus
- Cerebrovascular disease (affects blood vessels and blood supply to the brain)
- Neurologic conditions including but not limited to Alzheimer's Disease or dementia
- Liver disease

If you are interested in receiving a COVID-19 vaccine from the County and believe you have a qualifying underlying condition listed above, please complete the survey linked below at your earliest convenience. Please note that when you complete this survey your responses are going directly to Suffolk County and not to the College. Please be sure to answer **all questions in the survey** to ensure you are able to be contacted to receive the vaccine.

Please be advised that completion of the survey does not guarantee that you will receive a COVID-19 vaccination. If vaccination appointments become available, eligible individuals identified through the survey will be contacted separately by the County.

SURVEY LINK:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NFZTHNQ>

Individuals are invited to visit the County's website <https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/vaccine> for answers to frequently asked questions.