

San José Evergreen Community College District
COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement
Frequently Asked Questions
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1. Why are students being asked to receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

In order to promote the health and safety of our community, students are being asked to receive the COVID-19 vaccine to comply with [a resolution](#) that was passed by the San José - Evergreen Community College District Board of Trustees on Tuesday, August 31, 2021.

2. Where does this COVID-19 vaccine mandate apply?

The COVID-19 vaccine requirement applies to all San José - Evergreen Community College District sites, including Evergreen Valley College, San José City College, the Milpitas Extension, and the SJECCD District Office.

3. Are all students required to receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes, all students are required to receive the COVID-19 vaccine unless they submit an exemption and are approved as a reasonable accommodation.

4. Does the COVID-19 vaccine mandate apply to students taking only online courses?

Yes, all students are required to receive the COVID-19 vaccine regardless of the modality of instruction (online, hybrid, or in-person).

5. Do students need to provide proof of receiving the full dosage of a vaccination against COVID-19?

Yes, students will be required to provide proof of receiving the full dosage of a vaccination against COVID-19.

6. Where do I learn about vaccination resources?

Students are encouraged to visit [VaccineFinder.org](https://www.vaccinefinder.org) to find vaccination providers. Students are also encouraged to check with local pharmacies to learn if vaccination appointments are available by visiting the [Federal Retail Pharmacy Program](#).

7. What exemptions will San José Evergreen Community College District accept?

The San José - Evergreen Community College District will accept exemptions due to a medical condition/disability or sincerely held religious belief. Exemptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Students granted an exemption as a reasonable accommodation may be required to submit to mandatory weekly COVID-19 testing.

8. What do students need to do to request an exemption due to a medical condition/disability?

Students must download or print the COVID-19 Medical Exemption Request Form and have a licensed physician or advanced practice nurse licensed in a jurisdiction of the United States complete the form.

[The COVID-19 Medical Exemption Request Form can be accessed here.](#)

9. What do students need to do to request an exemption due to a sincerely held religious belief?

Students must complete an [online form](#) and upload a written statement that addresses three questions noted on the religious exemption form.

[Written statements must be signed and submitted using this form.](#)

10. Will international students who have completed an authorized vaccine series in their home country need to be vaccinated again?

No, international students who have completed a World Health Organization (WHO) authorized vaccine series in their home country are not required to be vaccinated again.

11. What vaccinations will San José - Evergreen Community College District accept for international students?

The World Health Organization (WHO) has authorized the following vaccines: Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, AstraZeneca, BIBP/Sinopharm, and Sinovac.

12. When will students receive additional information about how to submit their proof of vaccination?

Students will receive written notification the week of September 27, 2021.

13. What happens to students who do not comply with the COVID-19 vaccine mandate or do not submit an exemption request?

A hold will be placed on the student's educational record and the student may not be able to attend classes until they submit proof of vaccination or request an exemption.

14. What happens if students knowingly submit falsified information?

Students who knowingly submit falsified information may face discipline up to and including expulsion from San José - Evergreen Community College District.

15. What office should students visit at San José City College if they wish to receive additional information?

Students are encouraged to visit Student Health Services at San José City College for additional information.

16. Will students be administratively withdrawn or required to withdraw themselves from their current classes if they do not comply with the new vaccine mandate deadlines or timelines?

No. Students will not be administratively withdrawn or be required to withdraw themselves. All students are encouraged to remain in their classes for the remainder of fall 2021. Students should also plan on being vaccinated as soon as possible or submit a request for an exemption.

17. May students request to be dropped from their classes and receive a full refund of their enrollment fees and other fees due to the vaccine mandate?

No. Students may not request to be dropped from their classes and receive a full refund of fees due to the vaccine mandate. Students may voluntarily withdraw from their classes; however, there may be financial aid consequences and a notation will be made on the students' transcripts.

18. Will students face disciplinary action if they are not fully vaccinated or have received both vaccine doses by Monday, October 18, 2021?

No. Students will not face disciplinary action. Students are encouraged to be vaccinated as soon as possible to comply with the vaccine mandate.

19. When will the hold be placed on students' educational records?

Holds will be placed on students' educational records on Monday, November 1, 2021, if they have not submitted proof of vaccination or have not submitted a request for an exemption.

20. What is the consequence of having a hold placed on a students' educational record?

Holds placed on students' educational records prevent students from making modifications to their current class schedule and prevent enrollment in future terms.

21. Does San José - Evergreen Community College District encourage or endorse a particular COVID-19 vaccine?

No. San José - Evergreen Community College District does not encourage or endorse a particular COVID-19 vaccine. The District recommends students consult the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and their own health care professionals for additional information and guidance.

22. Why are students who are taking only online classes being required to adhere to the COVID-19 vaccine mandate?

The resolution passed by the San José - Evergreen Community College District Board of Trustees does not differentiate between students taking online, hybrid, or in-person classes. The resolution requires all students to submit proof of vaccination or request an exemption.

23. Are students under the age of 18 required to submit proof of vaccination or submit an exemption?

Yes. The resolution passed by the San José - Evergreen Community College District Board of Trustees does not differentiate between students based on age. The resolution requires all students who are eligible to be vaccinated to submit proof of vaccination or request an exemption. The resolution applies to students ages 12 and over.

24. Why are students who are not residing near San José City College being required to adhere to the COVID-19 vaccine mandate?

The resolution passed by the San José - Evergreen Community College District Board of Trustees does not differentiate students based on city or state of residence. The resolution requires all students who are eligible to be vaccinated to submit proof of vaccination or request an exemption.

25. Are students enrolled in Middle College required to submit proof of vaccination or request an exemption?

Yes. All students enrolled in classes at San José City College, including Middle College students, are required to submit proof of vaccination or submit a request for an exemption.

26. Are students who participate in concurrent enrollment or dual enrollment required to submit proof of vaccination or request an exemption?

Yes. All students enrolled in classes at San José City College, including concurrent enrollment and dual enrollment students, are required to submit proof of vaccination or submit a request for an exemption.

27. What happens if students are required to take a Tuberculosis (TB) test?

Students who are required to take a Tuberculosis (TB) test should consult with their health care provider to solicit additional information and guidance pertaining to when they may receive the COVID-19 vaccination. The same applies to other immunizations.

28. Why was the resolution on the COVID-19 vaccine mandate passed following the start of the fall semester 2021?

The San José - Evergreen Community College District Board of Trustees engaged in meaningful and deliberate discussions pertaining to the potential COVID-19 vaccine mandate throughout the spring and summer 2021. The resolution was passed on the recommendations from public health authorities and the tools available to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

29. Are San José City College and Evergreen Valley College employees required to adhere to the same COVID-19 vaccine mandate?

Yes. All San José - Evergreen Community College District employees are required to adhere to the same COVID-19 vaccine mandate. Furthermore, visitors, contractors, and others conducting business at San José City College are required to adhere to the same COVID-19 vaccine mandate.

30. What federal laws is San José - Evergreen Community College District required to adhere to as it pertains to the COVID-19 vaccine mandate?

San José - Evergreen Community College District complies with the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Both federal laws limit the terms of what information that may be shared without written consent.