

This summer has shown us how quickly our safety can change with the evolving Delta variant and increasing COVID infection rates in our area. It is for this reason that regardless of your clinical sites' requirements, Madison College School of Nursing has updated the health requirements for all students to include COVID vaccination to continue into this semester's clinical courses and beyond.

Please ensure that your CastleBranch accounts are up to date and include documentation of both doses of the vaccine (or the one Johnson and Johnson).

### **Frequently asked questions.**

Q: What is the Madison College mask requirement?

A: All students must wear a mask while in Madison College campus buildings and learning environments.

Q: What will be the PPE requirements at clinical sites?

A: Requirements are variable and will be shared by clinical instructors. In general, all sites will require masks. Some sites will require fit testing for N95's while others will require cloth or surgical masks.

Q: What are the COVID testing requirements for the semester?

A: Requirements are variable and will be shared by clinical instructors. Many sites are waiving routine testing for vaccinated students. Some sites will require an initial negative test regardless of vaccination status. Some sites will require weekly testing. Your instructor will keep you informed of your facility's requirement.

Q: Are nursing students required to have the COVID vaccine?

A: Yes. All nursing students are required to be vaccinated with at least one dose of COVID vaccine by September 1. Some sites have an earlier deadline and students affected have been notified.

Q: What if I have a medical condition that prevents me from receiving the COVID vaccine?

A: Please contact the clinical coordinator Lisa Kromanaker at [Kromanaker@madisoncollege.edu](mailto:Kromanaker@madisoncollege.edu)

Q: If I do not want to get the COVID vaccine for a non-medical reason, can I do my clinical course virtually?

A: No. It is in the best interest of students to engage in as much hands-on patient care as possible to facilitate learning. The clinical experience must be completed with individuals (living humans), not simulation manikins, to meet State and Federal requirements.

Q: If I do not want to receive the COVID vaccine for a non-medical reason can I switch to a clinical site that does not require the vaccine?

A: No. Madison College's School of Nursing is committed to protecting everyone's health. Students register for a single class and must complete the three components (Theory, Laboratory, and SPT-Clinical) as scheduled.

Q: How do I upload my COVID vaccine results?

A: If your CastleBranch account already has a place to upload the COVID vaccine (most packages purchased this week), upload a copy of your Wisconsin Immunization Registry record as you did for many other vaccines.

If your account does not already include a COVID record space, select "Place Order". Then purchase package code "MJ17COVID" (cost = \$0 - it is free), and then upload your WIR record.

Q: If I still have questions who do I talk to?

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and/or

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Student may be eligible to receive \$100 upon COVID vaccination:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/100.htm>