

Caz Strong Covid Information - New Booster Requirement

Email from Dr. Karey Pine, vice president for student affairs, to students, December 23, 2021

Good day to all our students -

You are likely seeing the abundance of media coverage concerning the increase in Covid cases being attributed to the Omicron variant. And you have probably been following as colleges and universities are responding with new requirements and protocols. As we have throughout the pandemic, Cazenovia continues to monitor current guidance and information from federal and local agencies. As a result, we are providing the following updates to our vaccine requirements and spring semester protocols. Please review the following information thoroughly as there are several requirements and expectations that will need to be met in preparation for our spring semester opening on campus.

Please note:

Students attending classes on satellite campuses should review and follow expectations specific to the satellite campus' protocols for attendance in the spring semester. Below are expectations for students attending on the College's main campus.

Student athletes will receive specific check in information from the Athletics Department, but should expect that all of these requirements below will be reviewed and are to be completed prior to permission to either enter a residence or practice/play on their team.

Vaccinations and NEW Booster Requirement

COVID Vaccine and Booster Requirement.

As part of Cazenovia College's strategy to support community safety and health we are now requiring all eligible students and employees to receive a COVID-19 booster vaccination. Individuals are eligible to receive a booster vaccination six months after the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine and two months after the first dose of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Students not eligible due to the date of their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna or first dose of Johnson and Johnson must receive their booster vaccination as soon as they are eligible.

Individuals who received an exemption to the COVID-19 vaccination in the fall semester are not required to re-submit exemption applications, but are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated to protect themselves and the community from the spread of the virus. All New York state mass vaccination sites are welcoming walk-ins without appointments, including the New York Fairgrounds site. You can [register for other sites in New York here](#) and [register for vaccines for all states at this CDC link](#).

It is strongly recommended that booster-eligible individuals arrange for their booster and provide documentation prior to returning for spring semester. For students unable to identify available booster appointments prior to the beginning of the semester, the

College has partnered with Madison County Health Department who will host an on-campus vaccination clinic on January 19, 2022. **Appointment information and instructions for providing documentation of booster vaccines will be provided via Caz email communication the week of January 10, 2022**

All boosters must be completed and documentation submitted from booster-eligible individuals by January 21, 2022.

Flu Vaccine Requirement Reminder.

Please remember that in accordance with our Caz Strong Pledge, all members of the Cazenovia College community are expected to either submit proof of a flu vaccine administered during this current season (October 2021 to present) or submit the appropriate documentation to apply for a religious or medical exemption. If this is not completed and on file upon check in for spring semester, individuals will not be permitted to enter residences and/or attend classes. Proof of vaccine or application for exemption can be completed using our [Influenza Form](#) linked here.

If you need to schedule a flu vaccination, some options available to you include:

- CVS Flu Shot [information and scheduling](#)
- Kinney Drugs Flu Shot [information and scheduling](#)
- Walgreens Flu Shot [information and scheduling](#)
- WalMart Flu Shot [information and scheduling](#)
- Wegmans Flu Shot [information and scheduling](#)

If these pharmacies are not local for you, you may contact your healthcare provider or any local pharmacy to determine locations where you may schedule your appointment.

Please be advised that in addition to the flu shot information, to enter residences and classes for spring semester, eligible student records will be reviewed at check in to determine initial vaccination date(s) and documentation and date of booster and documentation (or proof of January 19, 2022 appointment).

Spring Protocols for Return

Students should anticipate and check Caz email for important additional information beginning the week of January 10, 2022, and including (but not limited to) the following:

- Testing requirements at check in for spring semester
- Check in appointment sign ups requiring a scheduled arrival and move in time between Saturday, January 15 and Monday, January 17, 2022.
- Information for submitting Covid booster documentation through the myCaz portal
- Campus mask, density, and cleaning mandates for the campus

Cazenovia continues to appreciate the community's cooperation and support as we collectively navigate this challenging virus and global pandemic. We will continue to monitor county, state, and federal information to ensure compliance with all mandates health and safety of our campus community. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to monitor your Caz email during the winter break for any additional and important updates regarding the spring semester. If you have any questions please email CazStrong@cazenovia.edu.

Thank you and please be well!
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