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Memorandum

To: All Health Sciences Division Students
From: Dr. Georgene Butler
Dean, Health Sciences
Date: 6/15/2021
Re: **Mandatory Covid-19 Vaccination**

For more than a year, our world has witnessed the impact of the historic coronavirus pandemic. As an institution, we have responded in a manner to ensure the welfare and safety of our faculty, staff, students, and partners.

In an effort of continued safety, all faculty, staff and students participating in clinical courses within the health sciences division will be required to be fully vaccinated. Verification of having received two doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or the single-dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine must be uploaded to the CastleBranch portal by no later than August 1, 2021. To access CastleBranch, use <https://portal.castlebranch.com/hh18>.

At this time, those who have already received a COVID-19 vaccine do not need to be vaccinated again. Those who remain unvaccinated after the August 1 deadline may not be able to attend a clinical site. For students, this may result in the inability to progress, and therefore the inability to successfully complete the program of study.

In addition to the COVID-19 vaccine, faculty, staff and students must agree to COVID-19 testing as determined by the clinical sites. Refusal of COVID-19 testing, may also result in the inability to progress, and therefore the inability to successfully complete the program of study.

As an institution, we recognize that there are some persons that may not be able to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. A waiver, along with additional detail will be sent to you in the coming weeks. However, the waiver may not be acceptable to clinical partners, and may preclude successful course and program completion.

If there are any questions or concerns, please direct them to your program director and/or the Clinical Liaison team at hsdcc@howardcc.edu.