

Office of the President

Dear Students,

To avoid being automatically withdrawn from your in-person classes, all SUNY New Paltz students without an approved exemption must be vaccinated by Sept. 27.

If you have a campus presence this semester...

For students who have a campus presence and have not yet been vaccinated, your only option is the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Schedule your vaccination appointment today! The Student Health Service has a limited number of Johnson & Johnson vaccinations available. **You can make an appointment to receive the J&J vaccine on campus by calling the Student Health Service (845-257-3400) no later than Sept. 17.**

If you miss this deadline, you will have to locate a Johnson & Johnson vaccine off campus, and there are no shots available within eight miles of the College. Use these links to search [federal](#), [state](#) and [county](#) databases for vaccine availability. Once you have completed a full series of an approved vaccination, you must submit your vaccine card using your COVID Profile at my.newpaltz.edu no later than Sept. 27.

Students and families should be aware that the [SUNY-wide policy for course withdrawal](#) carries full liability of all incurred charges, meaning you will be expected to pay your entire bill.

Additionally, if you receive financial aid, course withdrawal will affect how much aid you receive this semester and possibly in future semesters.

If you are fully remote and do not intend to come to campus this semester...

Students who are taking a fully online course schedule and are not coming to campus to use facilities or for any other reason are exempt from SUNY's vaccination, testing and screening requirements.

To confirm their exemption and avoid course withdrawal, students who meet these criteria must complete and submit [this attestation](#) saying they will not come to campus or use any SUNY facilities in fall 2021.

A few more reminders:

- Vaccination against COVID-19 is mandatory for all students enrolled in the 64-campus SUNY system for the fall 2021 semester. Under that mandate, students who come to campus for any reason must be fully vaccinated or have an approved medical or religious exemption.
- If you qualify for a medical or religious exemption, you may [find the forms to do so on the Student Health Service website](#)—fill them out and submit the request through your COVID-19 profile at my.newpaltz.edu by Sept. 20. Be aware that even if the exemption is granted you must continue to comply with requirements for unvaccinated students (e.g., daily screening; weekly testing; social distancing, where practicable).
- Vaccinated students must submit their vaccination information through the College's COVID-19 portal at my.newpaltz.edu. If you have not submitted either proof of vaccination, an exemption, or the fully remote attestation by 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 27, you will be withdrawn from in-person courses.

If you have already verified your vaccination status, please disregard this message.

We value each of you and want you to succeed. That's why we all – students, faculty and staff – took the [Pledge to Protect New Paltz](#) this semester by working together to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

If you haven't yet been vaccinated, don't wait. Vaccines are safe, effective, and free. [More information about vaccines is available here from SUNY](#). Along with our indoor masking requirement, these two measures are key to ensuring a full and engaging semester.

All the best,

Donald P. Christian

President