



September 17, 2021

Email: To All BTC Students

Subject: Action Required: Proof of vaccination or exemption request

[This email is being sent to all students, regardless of whether you have completed the vaccine attestation. Students enrolled in nursing or allied health programs will receive an additional communication from their program with information specific to them.]

The [Governor's Higher Education Proclamation 21-12.5](#) requires that all students who attend in-person classes or who will be on campus for any reason be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or have an approved vaccine exemption.

If you have not yet completed the [online vaccine attestation form](#), The deadline to provide this information is October 1. If you do not complete the attestation by that time, you may be administratively dropped.

Here are some important things to consider moving forward:

You can get vaccinated (you still have time). You must begin your vaccine process by October 1 (at least dose one of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or the one and only dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine) and have completed it by November 30 (second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine by November 16 plus two weeks).

You can request a religious or medical exemption. If you have strongly held religious objections or a medical reason, you may be exempt from the vaccination requirement and receive accommodations to come onto campus. If you request a religious or medical exemption through the online attestation form, you may need to submit additional documentation that will be sent to you after you complete the attestation. You must comply with the exemption and accommodation process and have it completed and approved by November 30.

Please note: Religious and medical exemptions may not be allowed for students in Nursing, Allied Health, and other programs that require fully-vaccinated status for students participating in mandatory work-based learning.

You can request an online-student exemption. Students who are registered only for online classes and who do not come to campus for any in-person services may be exempt from the vaccination requirement. If you request an online-student exemption through the online attestation form, you will need to submit additional documentation that will be sent to you after you complete the attestation. You must comply with the exemption process and have it completed and approved by November 30.

You Are Required to Act: If you do not complete the attestation by 5:00 pm on October 1, you may be administratively dropped from all classes and have a hold placed on your student account prohibiting you from registering for classes in future quarters. Standard dates for refunds will apply.

Regardless of your vaccination status, multi-ply face coverings are required at all times while on campus (indoors and outdoors) except when actively engaged in eating in designated areas. Complete safety protocols and FAQ can be found on the [COVID-19 updates web page](#).

If you have questions or concerns about any of these options, please contact Trish Newbold at 360-752-8331 or tnewbold@btc.edu.

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