

**Sent By:** Ana Hornburg

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***The following message has been sent on behalf of Ascension:***

Dear Academic Partners,

On July 27, 2021, Ascension put in place a COVID-19 vaccination requirement for our associates/employees. This decision is rooted in our Mission commitment to leading with quality and safety. As a healthcare provider and as a Catholic ministry, helping to ensure we have a culture of safety for our associates, patients and communities is foundational to our work. Associates and anyone working in our facilities are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and influenza, whether or not they provide direct patient care. **This requirement applies also to all students and faculty entering Ascension facilities.**

Students and faculty who are unable to receive the COVID-19 vaccine or Influenza vaccine due to a medical contraindication or a sincerely held religious belief may request exemptions through their schools' normal processes. All schools will be required to submit documentation of their students' and faculty's vaccination status or documentation of a school-approved waiver to the respective appropriate department. For all nursing, allied health and other non-clinical students, schools will submit their documentation to Ascension Clinical Professional Development.

**For students currently in educational placements or beginning placements prior to November 12, 2021, schools must submit the required documentation no later than November 12, 2021, in order to continue with the clinical placement after November 12, 2021. Failure to comply with documentation requirements may result in the discontinuation of a student's placement and/or the faculty member's permissions to enter our facilities.**

Included here is the Attestation form the school must complete and submit to Ann DePetris and Lori Hamm and upload in ACEMAPP.

Sincerely,

Ann DePetris and Lori Hamm

On behalf of the Ascension Clinical Professional Development Leadership Team

**Attachments:**

[ascension\\_attestationofcompliancewithcov.pdf](#)