



To All AU Health System Educational Partners:

In order to comply with the recently released federal COVID-19 vaccination requirements, including the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (“CMS”) Omnibus COVID–19 Health Care Staff Vaccination interim final rule (“CMS Rule”), AU Health System (“AUHS”) is requiring all students working on-site at any AU Medical Center location, or who will be coming in contact with any AUHS staff or patients, to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or to have received an approved medical or religious exemption no later than December 6, 2021.

As a school that is an educational partner of AUHS, you are responsible for ensuring your students comply with this requirement. To confirm compliance, all schools with students working on-site at an AUHS location, or who will be coming in contact with any AUHS staff or patients, must complete the attached Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) attesting that their students have been fully vaccinated, as defined by the CMS Rule, or received from you an approved medical or religious exemption from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement. Students who have received a medical or religious exemption will be required to comply with AUHS’s infection prevention protocols, which are subject to change over time.

Schools are required to complete and return the attached MOU to AUHSschools@augusta.edu no later than November 26, 2021. If a school does not return a signed MOU, its students will no longer be allowed to enter an AUHS facility or to come into contact with AUHS staff or patients at off-campus locations after December 5, 2021. This MOU is required for AUHS to meet CMS’s Conditions of Participation and AUHS will no longer be able to partner with schools who do not enter into the MOU.

Please note the vaccination requirement does not apply to students who are never on-site at an AUHS facility or who do not come in contact with AUHS staff/patients off-site. In addition, please note that AUHS continues to require face masks indoors in all indoor areas regardless of vaccination status, and outdoors when physical distancing is not possible. This infection prevention protocol is subject to change over time.

If you have questions about these requirements, please first review the attached MOU and refer to our FAQ at <https://my.augusta.edu/vaccination/covid-19>. You may contact the AUHS Legal Department at (706) 721-5709 if you have additional questions.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to fulfill our obligations under the CMS Rule and create a safe environment for our staff and patients at AU Health System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Katrina R. Keefer'.

Katrina R. Keefer, MPA, CEO
AU Health System, Inc.