

Subject Line: NYS and County Expand COVID Booster Eligibility

Sent to All Students: November 18, 2021

This message is sent to all students and copied to all faculty and staff:

Dear Students:

As the College continues to monitor COVID booster eligibility, I wanted to share with you the latest guidance from New York State and Erie County.

The state and county have announced that any individual 18 or older who have had the COVID-19 vaccine and feels they are at risk is eligible to get a booster shot. This applies to students that had their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna at least six months ago or had the single Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least two months ago.

If you are eligible, booster shots are available at local pharmacies by using the links below. If you have not started the vaccine, you can also begin your vaccine series at these pharmacies below. There are also vaccine pop-up clinics being actively announced in the local community, on the local news, and social media outlets. Availability can also be found by checking the Vaccines.gov website.

Over the course of the last several weeks, I have received inquiries as to the College COVID protocol. I again remind you of the College <u>Stay Safe</u> website that lists the College protocol as well as an archive of the past COVID-19 communications. I also have placed in my email signature the pertinent forms and links for these protocols. These protocols have been designed not only for your health but for the best opportunity to provide you academic success and keep you in the classroom for in-person learning.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our community's well-being. As we head into the next week's holiday break, I am thankful for your continued perseverance and commitment to your educational journey.

If you haven't received the vaccine, I encourage you to do so. Given the above news, if you are eligible for the booster, please consider such. Together we can take the steps necessary to safely finish the semester and celebrate the holidays safely with family and friends.

Click below to schedule with the local pharmacies for the vaccine:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/vaccine/intake/store/covid-screener/covid-gns
- Walgreens:https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid/19/landing?vaccineType=covid? ban=R122 covidboosters header scheduler
- Rite Aid: https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/scheduler

Enjoy your Holiday Break,

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