



Statement of the 15 Massachusetts Community College Presidents

March 2, 2023

In January 2022, the 15 Massachusetts community college presidents jointly implemented a requirement that all employees, and students coming to campus for any reason, submit written proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or of an approved reasonable accommodation. Over the past year, the COVID-19 vaccination requirements have enabled the community colleges to provide a safer learning and working environment for faculty, staff, and students and have helped our campuses remain open and accessible to our students.

Taking into consideration the changing public health landscape around COVID-19, including the anticipated end of the national public health emergency declarations, the community college presidents have decided that, after conclusion of final exams of the Spring 2023 semester, the COVID-19 vaccine requirement will be lifted. Students and employees will no longer need to provide proof of vaccination as a condition of entry, participation, or enrollment. Certain groups of students and employees may continue to have COVID-19 vaccination requirements as a condition of their clinical or external placements.

While this vaccination requirement is being lifted, the community colleges are continually monitoring health guidance and data including community metrics and will continue to make local decisions to mitigate the spread and impact of COVID-19.

Although COVID-19 vaccinations will no longer be required, the community colleges strongly encourage all members of our communities to stay up to date on their COVID-19 vaccinations.

We are grateful for your continued cooperation and recognition of the role each and every one of us plays in creating healthy and safe communities. Thank you.