



COVID-19 Exemptions

Information

COVID-19 Vaccine Exemption

To comply with the recent [Executive Order](#) from the Governor of the State of Illinois, Shawnee Community College (SCC) will be requiring a COVID-19 vaccination for all employees who work on and students who attend face-to-face classes at any campus and the extension centers.

SCC will provide medical and religious exemptions to this vaccination requirement, as provided for under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Medical Exemption

Medical Exemptions will be granted to an individual whose physician (must be the primary care provider) documents a diagnosis of one of the [conditions the CDC considers a contraindication for the COVID-19 vaccination](#). Contraindications include a severe allergic reaction after a previous dose or to a component of the COVID-19 vaccine, an immediate allergic reaction of any severity to a previous dose or a known (diagnosed) allergy to any component of the vaccine.

Please keep in mind that the CDC recommends that individuals with most pre-existing conditions receive the vaccine to protect their health and safety. More information from the CDC is available [here](#).

If you would like to submit a request to be granted a medical exemption, please download [this form](#). Both you and your physician will need to complete and sign the appropriate sections. When it is complete, please upload the form through the College's [Health Safety portal](#).

Religious Exemption

If you object to the COVID-19 vaccine because it conflicts with your sincerely held religious beliefs and practices, you may apply for a religious exemption.

Your religious exemption request should include why you are seeking a religious exemption and the religious principles that guide your objection to the COVID-19 vaccine.

If you would like to submit a request to be granted a religious exemption, please download this form. You will need to complete and sign the appropriate sections. When it is complete, please upload the [form](#) through the College's [Health Safety portal](#).