

Hello RRCC Students,

From the beginning of this pandemic and throughout its evolution, Red Rocks has had the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff as our top priority. I want to assure you it is our goal at Red Rocks to continue to be proactive as adjustments are needed. The College will continue to follow the guidelines that have been issued by the federal, state, and local health authorities. Our protocols will continue to be monitored, reviewed, and updated as necessary.

On that note, the new protocols listed below have been established in order to ensure our ability to keep the college open and to continue to provide excellence in education and support services to all students. The options presented will be put into place in order to mitigate the continued spread of this virus. It is our belief that the best deterrent against this virus is vaccinations, testing, and masking. We also believe that it is best to allow students and employees to make a choice of whether they prefer vaccinations or the required weekly testing. Our hope is that by providing this information early, you are able to determine which option works best for you.

**Option 1:** Students will be required to show proof of vaccination prior to the beginning of spring semester classes.

**Option 2:** Students will be required to submit weekly test results beginning in the spring term if no COVID-19 vaccination record is on file.

**Option 3:** Students taking fully remote and/or online classes will not be part of these requirements

Over the next couple of months, we will be putting this new process in place, including how vaccine information will be collected, as well as the procedures for testing. We plan to send updated information to you as it becomes available.

As always, our goal is to support each student in pursuing their education while promoting safety and well-being for our community as a whole.

Michele Haney,

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