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Dear Academic Affiliates,

The purpose of this memo is to update you and your students on some recent policy changes related to COVID-19 vaccinations. Please share this information with your faculty and students who will be clinical learners at a Mayo Clinic location.

Effective September 1, 2021, Covid 19 vaccinations will be required of all Mayo Clinic students. Fully vaccinated status is required to participate in clinical rotations at Mayo Clinic.

- *Affiliated Nursing programs will retain the evidence of the COVID -19 vaccination.* The TCCP Student Passport can accommodate the COVID -19 vaccination evidence along with the other required documents (such as their CPR, Flu vaccine, Tdap.)
- *A limited declination process will be available for legitimate religious or medical reasons.* Persons requesting consideration for declination must email MidwestNursingAcademicAffairs@mayo.edu to request a form. The completed form will require a qualified provider's signature, and will be vetted through committee at Mayo Clinic. Until a declination is fully approved, students may not come to clinical at Mayo Clinic.

Earlier this summer, we communicated that guidelines for students changed to allow vaccinated nursing students to provide care for COVID positive or suspected patients. Vaccinated students may be present in high-risk situations but are required to wear fit-tested N95 masks. We must rely on academic partners to provide fit testing and a N95 mask to your students. The policy can be accessed on the Mayo Clinic intranet when your students and faculty are on a campus here. <http://intranet.mayo.edu/charlie/infection-prevention-control/aggp/>

We appreciate your students sharing the PPE responsibility by wearing a clean cloth mask while on campus. When providing direct care, they will continue to wear a medical grade mask. Eye protection continues to be required in direct patient care.

Mayo Clinic's Occupation Health Services department continues to be the best resource for your COVID-19 related questions. They can be reached 24/7 at 833-558-0757. Please contact any of the team members in Academic Affairs if you have additional questions.

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