



# MONTEREY PENINSULA College

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

### Chapter 5 Student Services

5210

#### AP 5210 Communicable Disease

Monterey Peninsula Community College District is committed to providing a safe learning and working environment.

The District recognizes that the response protocols for communicable diseases will vary according to the nature and type of pathogen, known modes of transmission, best practices for prevention, and established treatments.

The District shall comply with federal, state, and local health regulations in measures necessary for the prevention and control of communicable diseases in students, including recommendations to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19.

Effective Spring 2022, and beyond as deemed necessary by the District, all students except those with approved exemptions as outlined in this administrative procedure, must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as follows:

- Fully vaccinated means that a minimum of 14 days has passed following the second dose in a 2-dose series (e.g. Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or at least 14 days have passed following a single dose vaccine (e.g. Johnson & Johnson). The District may require a booster shot(s) on a timely basis to ensure continued vaccine efficacy.
- Those exempt (see Exemptions section) from receiving a COVID-19 vaccine will be subject to other safety protocols.

These procedures supplement and do not replace existing District policies and procedures pertaining to COVID-19 health and safety protocols.

Students who do not follow these procedures will be dropped from their courses. Students who falsify information will be subject to the District's Standard of Student Conduct policy as outlined in the College Catalog and Board Policy/Administrative Procedure 5500 - Standards of Student Conduct.

#### Proof of Vaccination

Every student subject to these vaccination requirements must provide documentation verifying that the student is fully vaccinated. The District will routinely verify the vaccination status of students to ensure compliance. At the District's discretion, these documentation requirements may be



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extended to future semesters, with the date for documentation of full vaccination being the first day of classes for each semester.

The District will accept the following forms of documentation:

- COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (issued by the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control & Prevention or World Health Organization Yellow Card) which includes name of person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided, and date last dose administered);
- A photo of a Vaccination Record Card, including an image stored on a phone or electronic device;
- Documentation of COVID-19 vaccination from a health care provider; or
- Digital record that includes a QR code that when scanned by a SMART Health Card reader displays to the reader client name, date of birth, vaccine dates, and vaccine type.

In the absence of knowledge to the contrary, the District may accept the documentation presented as valid.

### Exemptions

A student may be exempt from the COVID-19 vaccine requirement upon District approval as described below:

- Medical Exemption: A student may be exempt for medical reasons. The individual claiming a medical exemption must submit a written statement from a licensed physician exempting them due to a medical exemption. This statement must be submitted on the doctor's office letterhead with the doctor's printed name, license number, signature, and the date the statement is issued.
  - Medical Exemption forms are available through Student Health Services
- Religious Exemption: A student may complete and submit a request to be exempt on the basis of a sincerely held religious belief, observance, or practice, subject to review by the District.
  - Religious Exemption Forms are available through Student Health Services
- Fully Online/Offsite Student Exemption (no on-campus or in-person classes): Online/Offsite only students with self-attestation not to access Monterey Peninsula College District facilities at any time during the approved exemption period.
  - Fully Online/Offsite Student Exemption Forms are available through Student Health Services



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Students with approved COVID-19 vaccine exemptions on file must comply with applicable public health and safety measures, as determined by the District, including, but not limited to, repeated and ongoing weekly PCR COVID-19 testing and symptom checking to reduce the likelihood of transmission to the District community.

### Health and Medical Records

The District will not request any health or medical information for the purpose of enforcement of these procedures other than proof of vaccination. Unless consent is given, the District will not receive any medical information from students or give any medical information to any vaccination provider. Any proof of vaccination a student provides to the District will be stored in a manner consistent with applicable law and in accordance with the District's practice for storing medical information for students.

Additional communicable disease measures include but are not limited to:

- Compliance by the District with all mandatory measures issued by the Chief Public Health Officer of Monterey County to control infectious diseases
- Compliance by the Student Health Services with mandatory infectious disease reporting to the Monterey County Public Health Department
- In the event of an infectious disease outbreak, [MPC's Infectious Disease Outbreak Plan](#) will be implemented
- Evolving information on best practices for managing an outbreak will be communicated by the appropriate District officials, Student Health Services, along with the Monterey County Public Health Department

The District shall comply with any immunization program required by the State Department of Health Services regulations. Compliance measures include:

- Informing students/staff of any required immunizations
- Where feasible, offering required immunizations through Student Health Services
- Informing students/staff of other sites which offer immunizations
- Maintaining records of student/staff required immunization status
- The responsibility for informing students of required immunizations and for maintaining immunization records, other than COVID-19 vaccinations, rests with the academic departments whose programs of study require immunizations for students.

See Board Policy Board Policy 5210 - Communicable Disease



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**References:** *Education Code Sections 76403;*  
*Title 17 Section 2500*

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