Dear SEU Student:

In order to keep our campus as safe, healthy and as COVID-free as possible, University officials have decided to require mandatory vaccinations for all students – undergraduate, Continuing Studies and graduate – effective with the fall 2021 semester.

The only automatic exception will be the three graduate programs currently 100 percent online (M.A. in Applied Behavior Analysis, M.A. in Justice Administration and Public Service and M.S. in Nutrition).

Students may request an exemption, for medical or religious reasons only, from the requirement that they submit proof of vaccination. Exemption requests are evaluated on a case-by-case basis; they are NOT automatically granted. On-campus participation (in-person classes, sports and activities) is not guaranteed, and is dependent on the overall course of the pandemic, the rate and efficacy of vaccination, and the student's academic program.

Those granted exemptions from COVID-19 vaccinations will be directed to the appropriate department to develop an implementation plan which may include applying for feasible and applicable accommodations. Students granted exemptions will not be able to live in on-campus housing during the COVID-19 health emergency.

The deadline to apply for an exemption is June 15, 2021.

To come back to campus in the fall, your vaccination must be one of the three FDA-approved vaccinations: Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson. The vaccination regimen, including the post two-week timeframe to become fully immunized, must be completed before the first day of class in the fall semester (Monday, August 23, 2021).

Since this process can involve two shots and time to take full effect, it can take a full six weeks to become fully immunized. Therefore, we encourage students to begin this process immediately so that you are ready to resume your classes with no interruption.

Under no circumstances will students be permitted to attend class, move into the residence halls, join a sports team or participate in campus activities without proof of vaccination. Verification of vaccination can be uploaded to our secure website at: https://www.steu.edu/meduploads.

Students are free to get the vaccination of their choice at any clinic of their choosing. Appointments are now readily available. Here is a list of some local, northern NJ vaccination sites for your reference:

- https://www.atlantichealth.org/conditions-treatments/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-vaccine.html (appointments required at any site)

CVS and Walgreens pharmacies are also offering the approved vaccines as well. Please be sure to check their appointment availability:

- https://www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-vaccine.jsp?banncovidfly1_vaccine_rxhomepage
- https://cvshealth.com/covid-19/vaccine-information

Everyone 16 or older who lives, works, or studies in New Jersey is now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. COVID-19 vaccines are safe and highly effective at preventing you from getting sick. They are one of the most important tools to ending the COVID-19 pandemic and getting back to what we love: a vibrant, safe, in-person campus environment!

Of course, no vaccination is 100% effective; however, in the rare instances of "breakthrough" COVID-19, the illness should be far less severe and not as easily spread.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this email. We look forward to seeing you back on campus in the fall.

Sincerely,

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Vice President for Student Life