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Chicago State University Statement on Student Vaccination Guidelines for the 2021-22 Academic Year

Chicago State University has remained committed to prioritizing a safe learning environment. As we approach the beginning of the 2021-22 Academic Year, the best way for all of us to fully experience an enriching campus environment is to continue to follow the latest public health guidance, which includes getting vaccinated.

- **All students who show proof of their COVID-19 vaccination to the university will each receive a \$50 payment incentive**, which they may choose to receive in a refund or have applied directly to their account balance.
- **CSU is ENCOURAGING all students who participate in in-person classes or on-campus activities (such as lab research or student clubs) TO VOLUNTARILY PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF RECEIVING THE COVID-19 VACCINATION prior to the 2021-22 Academic Year.**
 - Students who choose to not provide proof of vaccination will not receive a \$50 payment incentive and be required to participate in once-weekly COVID-19 surveillance testing, adhere to mask mandates for non-vaccinated individuals, and other public health guidelines.
- **CSU is additionally REQUIRING students who choose to live in the on-campus residence hall and student-athletes TO RECEIVE THEIR COVID-19 VACCINATION before the start of the 2021-22 academic year.**

CSU is issuing this health guidance based on the following factors:

- **CDC Guidance:** The [latest CDC guidance](#) emphasizes that vaccination is the leading prevention strategy to protect individuals from COVID-19 disease and to end the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Wide Vaccine Eligibility and Availability:** All individuals ages 12 and up are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, and the COVID-19 vaccine is now widely available nationally, including throughout [Illinois](#) and the [City of Chicago](#).

Additional details regarding what proof will be required and how it will be collected, as well as how students will receive their \$50, are being finalized and will be posted on the [COVID-19 FAQs page](#). Students should keep their vaccination cards. In the meantime, we urge all students to get vaccinated as soon as possible to avoid any delays in resuming on-campus learning in the fall. Any additional questions can be directed at: coronavirus@csu.edu.



We are all in this together! We're proud that our students' vigilance last academic year resulted in a low-infection rate on campus and this vigilance must continue in the year ahead in order to protect ourselves and each other. CSU will use a range of safety measures, as outlined in the [2021-22 Academic Year Operating Plan](#), to provide continuous access to a safe and campus experience. Thank you for taking the appropriate public health measures to support yourself and your campus community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zaldwaynaka L. Scott".

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