



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT SERVICES

MESSAGE FROM DR. EARIC DIXON-PETERS

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Greetings Roadrunners,

In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Board of Trustees approved mandatory COVID-19 vaccination(s) for all students. Students must submit proof of vaccination by **October 16th** to enroll in late start, winter, or spring in-person courses. Students requesting a medical, religious exemptions or pregnancy deferral must submit a complete district forms by **October 8th** [Medical/Disability Exemption](#), [Religious Exemption](#), or [Pregnancy Deferral](#)

Registration for winter and spring is quickly approaching and as a reminder, students wishing to register for any in-person classes must have their vaccination record uploaded using AccessRio by **October 16, 2021 for priority review**. <https://www.riohondo.edu/student-health-services/vaccination/#section12> . Students enrolling in winter or spring may continue to upload proof of vaccination to be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Once you log into your AccessRio account, you will be asked to download proof of your vaccination or exemption or deferral form. Here is a list of acceptable proof of vaccination.

Acceptable Proof of Vaccination

1. COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (issued by the Department of Health and Human Services Centers of Disease Control & Prevention or WHO Yellow Card), which includes name of person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided, and date of last administered dose);
2. Photo of a Vaccination Record Card;
3. Documentation of COVID-19 vaccination from a health care provider; or
4. 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 record as an official record of the state of California. Unit members may retrieve digital vaccination records through CDPH at the following site: <http://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov/>

For those wishing to request a religious or medical exemption, please remember to submit your request on a district form. Incomplete submissions will not be reviewed. The following video will explain the process to upload proof of vaccination. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAEaV4b4ZJY>

Finally, the health and safety of our community depends on all of us doing our part by following the policies and procedures developed to keep us safe. Remember, we are all in this together. We will be sending additional information throughout the semester to ensure you stay informed.

Any questions, please contact the Office of Student Affairs at ssalcedo@riohondo.edu. I hope you have a safe and rewarding semester.

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