



December 3, 2021

Dear Student,

The Coast Community College District – of which the OCC School of Sailing and Seamanship is part – adopted a COVID-19 vaccination mandate with a testing protocol option on August 24, 2021. This is among many protections in place for those who learn, live, teach, and work at the College.

The mandate requires that all students either submit proof of vaccination or request an exemption to the vaccination mandate. **This will be required of all students 12 years and older enrolled in classes meeting on or after February 1, 2022 at the OCC Waterfront Campus** (School of Sailing & Seamanship and Professional Mariner Training Center).

Within the next week, you will receive an email with more detailed information about the **Cleared4** online platform. The Coast Community College District will utilize **Cleared4** to gather vaccination documentation and, if needed, to provide you the opportunity to request an exemption from vaccination.

When the information about **Cleared4** is sent, we will ask all students registered in a class meeting on or after Feb 1, 2022 to proceed with uploading a picture of their vaccination card or request an exemption. The Coast District will provide for medical and religious/strongly held personal belief exemptions. Students with an exemption will be required to participate in weekly testing beginning January 31, 2022. More information about the testing protocol will be provided in a separate email in January to those students who have requested an exemption and to students who do not upload vaccine documents.

The deadline to take one of these actions will be January 24, 2022. All students will need to either be vaccinated, or follow a weekly testing protocol and have a negative COVID-19 test result (administered during the prior seven days) in the system, in order to be able to attend class, rent boats, or to receive in-person services.

Meanwhile, if you have not yet been vaccinated, we encourage you to [Take Your Shot](#). Getting this done as soon as possible will help you sail through the clearance process. **Get your second vaccine dose (or single dose of Johnson & Johnson) by January 10, 2022, to be "fully vaccinated" by the deadline of January 24, 2022.** You can even get your vaccine on-campus at the [Orange Coast College vaccine POD](#) – appointments and walk-ins are currently being accepted.

If you have any questions, please visit the Coast District's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page at <https://www.cccd.edu/aboutus/novelcoronavirus/index.cfm>. You can also email us at studentmandate@occ.cccd.edu.

Thank you,

Orange Coast College
School of Sailing & Seamanship