



Dear campus community,

The new COVID safety regulations that took effect at the end of June do not apply to colleges. Instead, we received unique guidelines for [higher education institutions](#) (IHEs).

Key takeaways for everyone:

- **LCC will not require vaccinations for students or employees**, so we fall into the category of an “IHE **without** fully vaccinated campus” noted in the guidelines, above.
- Social distancing requirements have been reduced from six to **three feet**.
- The new requirements go into effect at LCC on **July 19**.
- **Childcare facilities** have different regulations – please watch for instructions from Head Start or ELC staff if this applies to you.

Students:

- We are required to document your vaccination status if you are spending time on campus. This will happen in Canvas. You are required to complete the updated “COVID-19: Safe Start” course when asked to do so, even if you already did it for summer quarter.
- If you are vaccinated, you are required to wear a mask when meeting with faculty or staff in their offices if requested. You may also wear a mask in other areas on campus if you feel safer doing so.
- If you are unvaccinated, you are required to wear a mask indoors whenever you are on campus, or outdoors if you are in close proximity to others.

Employees:

- If you are vaccinated and would like to work on campus without a mask, you must show proof of vaccination status to Human Resources (HR). Please watch for instructions from HR staff.
- If you are unvaccinated, you are required to wear a mask indoors whenever you are working around others.
- If you are unvaccinated, you are required to wear a mask outdoors if you are in close proximity to others.

Student Services hours:

- Many of our services will resume in-person operations beginning July 19. Most offices will be open **Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm** this summer. Please visit our [status page](#) for more detailed information about what’s open on campus.

Get Vaccinated:

- Everyone is encouraged to get vaccinated. Check out [Cowlitz County's COVID-19 webpage](#) for location information.
- Students who have received their first shot by July 22 will automatically be entered into the selection process for one of 20 **\$500 vaccine incentive scholarships**. Recipients will be randomly selected and notified to provide proof of vaccination.

Safety concerns:

- Please report any safety concerns to [\[covid@lowercolumbia.edu\]](mailto:covid@lowercolumbia.edu)covid@lowercolumbia.edu.

Please stay safe and well.

Thanks, Nolan

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