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,

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