Statement of Purpose

The Board of Regents for Higher Education ("BOR") is committed to reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among students within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities ("CSCU") and promoting the health and safety of the community consistent with federal, state and local efforts to minimize outbreaks of COVID-19.

Scope

All students who participate in any on-campus activities in person for any reason at any of the institutions comprising the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities.

Policy

All students participating in any on-campus activity at a BOR-governed institution are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Students are required to report vaccination compliance to the college or university they physically attend.

International students shall be considered in compliance with the COVID-19 vaccine requirement if they have been vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine that has either been authorized for use in the United States by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or been authorized for use outside of the United States by the World Health Organization (WHO). International students must present proof of vaccination in the form of a copy of the WHO Certificate of Vaccination (WHO Vaccine Booklet) or documentation to include a statement signed by a healthcare provider/organization authorized to administer the vaccination attesting to the dates and name of COVID-19 vaccination given. All documentation must be submitted in English or accompanied by a certified translation at the student's expense. International students who have received COVID-19 vaccines not authorized by the FDA or WHO will be managed on a case-by-case basis.

Students who receive an exemption from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement or who are not fully vaccinated prior to the beginning of the Fall 2021 semester will be required to comply with preventative measures as deemed necessary by the university or college. Such measures may include, but not be limited to, a period of modified quarantine, surveillance testing, and mask-wearing.

Exemptions from this policy will be permitted under certain circumstances. To request an exemption, a student must follow established college/university procedures at their home institution.

The institutions are authorized to enact rules and/or procedures necessary to effectuate this policy.

Enforcement

Failure to comply with this policy may result in loss of privileges and/or sanctions.

Effective Date

This policy shall become effective upon approval of the BOR (June 24, 2021). This policy and any attendant procedures and/or rules may be amended as necessary based on factors such as the progress of the COVID-19 pandemic and guidance from governmental authorities.