

AP 5210 Communicable Diseases

Reference:

Education Code Section 76403

Gavilan Joint Community College District will cooperate with state and local health officers in any measures necessary for the prevention and control of communicable diseases in students. Gavilan Joint Community College District will comply with any immunization program required or recommended by the State Department of Health Services, including recommendations related to the SARS-CoV-2 and vaccines for COVID-19, the disease it causes, to mitigate risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

Scope

Pursuant to BP 5210, the Gavilan Joint Community College District therefore requires that all students who are on District premises for any face-to-face instructional and student support activities (e.g., office hours, classes, library, tutoring, etc.) be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as follows:

- Students are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 unless approved as exempt due to verified medical or religious reasons. Those who do not receive a COVID-19 vaccination may be subject to other safety protocols. The vaccine requirement is effective district-wide at the beginning of the Spring 2022 Semester (January 5, 2022).
- Individuals are considered to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 two weeks or more after they have received the second dose in a two-dose series or two weeks or more after they have received a single-dose vaccine.

Students who do not follow these procedures may be dropped from their on-campus courses and/or will be unable to register for on campus courses until proof of vaccination is submitted. Students who falsify information will be referred to the Office of Student Services for the student conduct process.

Proof of Vaccination

Students must provide proof of vaccination to the District and a signed Confidentiality of Medical Information Act release (to be developed).

The District will accept either: 1) a Vaccination Card, or 2) another form of documentation from the vaccine provider.

Fully vaccinated students are required to continue to follow all District policies, procedures, and protocols regarding COVID-19 until the District directs otherwise. The District's Emergency Operations Plan can be accessed at www.gavilan.edu.

Health or Medical Records

Any proof of vaccination a student provides to the District will be stored in a manner consistent with applicable law and the District's practice for storing confidential information for students.

Unless consent is given, the District will not receive any medical information from students or give any medical information to any vaccine provider.

Exemptions from Vaccination Requirement

- Medical Exemption – Students requesting an exemption for medical reasons will be required to submit a statement from a licensed medical provider explaining the medical contraindication and the time period for which the exemption is being requested. This exemption must be submitted on the medical provider's letterhead with the provider's printed name, license number, signature, and date the statement was issued.
- Religious Exemption: if a student objects to vaccination on the basis of a sincerely held religious belief, the student must complete and submit a request to the Student Services Department.
- If a student provides proof of a medical exemption or has submitted a request for religious exemption, the student will be required to weekly testing and provide the test result information to the District.