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Dear Academy Student and Family,

This letter is an important update on the current NY State COVID vaccination requirements for Health Sciences students.

As you are already aware, Eastern Suffolk BOCES Health Sciences students are required to submit a current, completed physical examination, which includes proof of mandatory immunization, on the attached Eastern Suffolk Health Sciences health form. Immunization requirements are based on New York State law as well as Center for Disease Control guidelines for all healthcare workers. Eastern Suffolk BOCES collects and reviews these records to ensure we can meet the requirements of our clinical affiliates. Many affiliates require us to upload or share these records prior to student participation in a clinical rotation.

Recently, New York State issued a mandate that all students in clinical settings are mandated to have their COVID vaccination.

If you or your child are in a program that requires clinical hours for certification (including Practical Nursing and Nurse Assisting), in order for you to complete the certification requirement you must complete the required clinical clock hours. If a clinical affiliate requires the COVID vaccination and you choose not to get vaccinated you will not be able to complete the required clinical clock hours. The clinical clock hours are prescribed by New York State Office of Professions and are a required part of many of the Health Sciences programs.

For questions or clarification of any of the above information, please contact your Principal, Jennifer Martino at the Milliken Technical Center, 631-244-5800.

Sincerely,

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