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Dear Denver Campus Students,

Welcome to Fall Quarter! I write to provide you with guidance for the start of your upcoming internship. As the COVID pandemic continues to surge, DU has instituted new, required protocols for collective health and safety.

An email from the DU COVID Coordinator on August 13th covered new requirements of DU students and internships. **Any Denver Campus MSW student participating in an in-person internship is required to be fully vaccinated.**

### **Students Who Are Vaccinated**

This means that any vaccinated Denver Campus student who is participating in an in-person internship must complete the following steps:

1. As soon as possible (at least one week before your expected first day in internship), upload your proof-of-vaccination card to MyHealth, found on the [Health and Counseling Center website](#). You are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after your final dose. Please plan accordingly.
2. Receive a negative COVID-19 test result on or before your first day in internship at the on-campus testing locations, which are accessible to individuals with or without campus clearance. Saliva-based PCR testing is [available](#) without an appointment. Uploaded records of negative nasal swab PCR tests from outside providers will also be accepted.
3. You are considered approved for an in-person internship once your campus access status reads '**Cleared for High Contact Activity**' on PioneerWeb. Allow a few days after submitting your negative test and proof of vaccination.

Any questions about the above requirements or your clearance status should be directed to [COVIDcoordinator@du.edu](mailto:COVIDcoordinator@du.edu).

Please note, the above requirements are for all Denver Campus MSW students regardless of agency requirements. Even if an agency does not require a vaccine, DU still requires this for in-person internships. Your agency may also require additional vaccine/health clearances in addition to those above.

You will receive a notification from Dr. Kim Gorgens, Deputy COVID Response Coordinator, if you are **NOT** cleared for participation in your internship. This email will provide information needed to gain clearance or request an exemption.

### **Students Who Are Unvaccinated or Not Fully Vaccinated**

Students who are unvaccinated due to an approved medical exemption must contact [DU's Disability Services Program](#) to discuss accommodations that may allow them to participate in in-person internships.

Students who are unvaccinated due to an approved religious exemption should contact Dr. Kim Gorgens at [COVIDcoordinator@du.edu](mailto:COVIDcoordinator@du.edu).

Students who are unvaccinated due to philosophical reasons do **not** qualify for an exemption at DU. This means that you may **not** participate in an **in-person** internship. If you have confirmed a placement in-person with an agency, please let your agency supervisor **AND** GSSW Field Advisor know immediately. You may then inquire about the possibility for remote learning opportunities either at that agency or another. Any remote learning plan must be pre-approved by the GSSW Field Office before commencing.

If your agency is not able to support robust remote learning activities, please work with your GSSW Field Advisor to identify alternate internship possibilities. If you don't know who your GSSW Field Advisor is, you may contact [field@du.edu](mailto:field@du.edu).

### **Questions or Concerns**

Any questions about the above requirements, your clearance status, or exemption approval should be directed to [COVIDcoordinator@du.edu](mailto:COVIDcoordinator@du.edu).

Questions pertaining to your internship should be directed to your GSSW Field Advisor of [field@du.edu](mailto:field@du.edu).

Due to the long holiday weekend, questions will be answered Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

GSSW is committed to keeping you updated as we navigate changes in required protocols due to COVID. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in keeping our community healthy and safe.

I look forward to working with each of you in the coming year.

Sincerely,  
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