Madison College’s School of Nursing remains committed to the health of its students, employees, clinical partners, and the vulnerable elders and community members for which it cares and where it resides. It is for this reason that regardless of clinical site requirements, Madison College School of Nursing has updated health requirements for all students to include COVID vaccination, including boosters, effective the Fall 2022 semester. (Nursing Assistant Program implementation was Summer 2022 semester).

Students must maintain complete, accurate CastleBranch records for all requirements to enroll and remain in classes. Absences related to non-compliance are unexcused and can jeopardize program completion.

All students must provide approved documentation of

* an initial COVID vaccine series (two doses of Pfizer or Moderna or one dose of Johnson and Johnson)

*and*

* all appropriate boosters (one six months after final vaccine in initial series and a second six months after first, if appropriate for age and/or health status)

**Frequently asked questions**

Q: What is the Madison College School of Nursing mask requirement?

A: Madison College’s campus mask requirement changes to best align with current evidence and public health policies and must be followed. The School of Nursing requires students to wear masks while in Madison College Nursing Labs and at Clinical sites. In labs when one student is in the role of patient or resident (receiving care), they may remove their mask. The student providing care must remain masked and may don additional PPE if they prefer.

Q: What are the PPE requirements at clinical sites?

A: Requirements differ and will be shared by clinical coordinators and instructors. In general, all sites require masks. Some require fit testing for N95's while others require surgical masks. Some may require face shields. Our programs adhere to the stricter of any contradictory requirements.

Q: What are the COVID testing requirements?

A: Requirements differ and will be shared by clinical coordinators and instructors. Some sites waive routine testing for vaccinated students. Some sites require an initial negative test regardless of vaccination status. Some sites require weekly testing. Clinical Coordinators and instructors will inform students of facility requirements. Requirements may change, including while the clinical experience is in process.

Q: Are School of Nursing students required to receive COVID vaccines?

A: Yes. All School of Nursing students are required to be vaccinated with a complete initial vaccine series and appropriate boosters.

Q: What if a student has a medical condition that contraindicates receiving the COVID vaccine?

A: Please contact the Faculty Clinical Coordinator Lisa Kromanaker at Kromanaker@madisoncollege.edu

Q: If a student does not want to receive COVID vaccines for a non-medical reason, can the clinical course be completed virtually?

A: No. Students engage in as much hands-on patient care as possible to facilitate psychomotor skill and real-world learning. Specific percentages of clinical experiences must be completed with individuals (living humans), not simulation manikins, to meet State and Federal requirements. It is impossible to complete any School of Nursing Program without completing in-person non-simulated clinical experiences.

Q: If a student does not want to receive the COVID vaccine for a non-medical reason can I switch to a clinical site that does not require the vaccine?

A: No. Madison College's School of Nursing is committed to protecting everyone’s health.

Associate Degree and Practical Nursing students must complete the clinical experiences for which they have registered.

Nursing Assistant students register for a single class and must complete the three components (Theory, Laboratory, and Clinical) as scheduled.

Q: How do students document COVID vaccine status?

A: CastleBranch accounts include a place to upload the COVID vaccine, where students upload a copy of their Wisconsin Immunization Registry record.

If a CastleBranch account does not include a COVID record space, or an additional upload space is needed, select "Place Order", purchase package code "MJ17COVID”, and then upload the WIR record.

If vaccines or boosters that have been received do not appear in the WIR records, contact the people below.

Q: Who should be contacted with additional questions?

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and/or

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