



## **Memo Regarding SMCC Classes Going Online for the First Week of the Spring 2022 Semester**

Hi All,

As you know, cases of COVID-19 have been on the rise across the nation. Now, it seems all of us have either had COVID-19 or know someone with it. With safety as our top priority followed by the ability for faculty to be able to deliver classes and students to be able to attend, **SMCC has made the decision to have all classes go online for the first week of the Spring Semester.** The affected classes will return to in-person instruction Monday, January 24.

This is not a decision that we have come to lightly, but feel it is in the best interest of both employees and students. It appears that COVID-19 cases are starting to level off in parts of the Northeast, and we hope we can continue this trend by going remote for the first week of the semester.

We recognize that you all have had to constantly adapt and make changes, and want to commend the commitment of employees to continue to provide quality educational opportunities and of students to invest in your education to create a better future for yourselves and your families.

**Students**, for more information keep an eye out for emails from your faculty and log in to your Brightspace account.

**Residence Hall Students**, your assigned move-in time will remain the same for this weekend (January 14-17th).

### **Vaccination & Booster Reminder**

As a reminder, the College requires those who are visiting campus or attending in-person classes to provide proof that they are fully vaccinated and boosted within the required timeframe. Please see the details below.

- The Maine Community College System is requiring all people taking any in-person classes or training to submit proof they have been fully vaccinated and, when required, have received the booster for COVID-19.
- Students must provide proof within six months of their last shot for those who originally received the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, or within three months of their single-dose J&J vaccine, that they've received the required vaccinations.
- Students who are fully vaccinated and not eligible for the booster yet may still visit or attend classes on campus, but will need to submit their booster information in the aforementioned timeline in order to continue visiting campus.

- A student who needs to simply drop off or pick up a document (a visit of less than 5 minutes in a building) may do so if unvaccinated/boostered. Our request is to have students use every electronic means to submit or receive documents whenever possible.
- Students can submit proof of their vaccination by uploading a photo of their vaccination card through SMCC's secure dropbox, available at <http://www.smccme.edu/vaccines>.
- Students who are taking all their classes online and will not be entering campus buildings for any purpose will not need proof of vaccination.

**Wishing you all the best. Stay safe.**