1. As an athlete at BC, CC or PC, am I required to have a vaccination to attend the college and be on a team?
   Based on the resolution passed by the Kern Community College District Board on August 12, 2021 all District employees, students, and others on district property will need to either provide proof of a vaccination or have been approved for an exemption (medical or religious). The KCCD Board passed this resolution to protect the health and safety of all employees, students, and community members. The requirement for vaccines is happening over a phased in period with the first shot of Moderna or Pfizer (or the single dose Janssen vaccine from Johnson & Johnson), unless you have requested and been granted a religious or medical exemption, by September 7 and proof of full vaccination required by November 1.

2. Where can I find more information about the benefits and safety of COVID vaccines?
   The CDC has put together a [COVID-19 Vaccine website](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html) with a wealth of information on the benefits and safety of the COVID-19 vaccines, including specific information about each vaccine type (Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson's Janssen) as well as [Myths & Facts about vaccines](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/shots/adults/myths-facts/index.html), and [Frequently Asked Questions](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/shots/adults/faq/index.html).

3. How/where can I get a vaccine?
   The BC Student Health and Wellness Center administers the Moderna COVID vaccine and the Johnson and Johnson Janssen COVID vaccine. Visit the [BC Vaccine Clinic website](https://bakersfieldcollege.edu/vaccine-clinic/) for additional information.

   Porterville College will be offering multiple vaccination clinics on campus in partnership with Sierra Medical Center, Imperial Ambulance, and Kaweah Medical over the next few months. Visit the [PC website](https://portervillecollege.edu/vaccines/) for upcoming dates and times.

   Cerro Coso Community College will be offering multiple vaccinations clinics on campus in partnership with Ridgecrest Regional Hospital. Visit the [CC website](https://cerrocoso.edu/vaccines/) for upcoming dates and times.

   Register at [myturn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) or call (833) 422-4255 and schedule your appointment for a clinic in the community.

4. Who is eligible for an exemption from being vaccinated?
   Anyone can apply for an exemption, but they will be considered based on medical and sincerely held religious beliefs. To apply for an exemption, please visit the following:

   The student medical exemption form [can be found here](https://bakersfieldcollege.edu/vaccine-clinic/exemption-form/medical/).

   The student religious exemption form for sincerely held religious belief [can be found here](https://bakersfieldcollege.edu/vaccine-clinic/exemption-form/religious/).

   Submit your exemption form to your campus COVID Team.

   Bakersfield College: [covid19@bakersfieldcollege.edu](mailto:covid19@bakersfieldcollege.edu)
   Cerro Coso College: [covid19@cerrocoso.edu](mailto:covid19@cerrocoso.edu)
   Porterville College: [covid19@portervillecollege.edu](mailto:covid19@portervillecollege.edu)
You can also contact if you have questions:

Bakersfield College Student Health and Wellness Center
Cerro Coso Community College Safety and Security Office
Porterville College Health and Wellness Coordinator

5. **Is testing an acceptable alternative to being vaccinated?**

You cannot choose to be tested instead of being vaccinated. Testing as an alternative to the vaccine is only available through the approval of your exemption request.

Any athlete or personnel eligible for an exemption (not vaccinated) will be required to test weekly using PCR testing or 3x weekly using antigen testing on nonconsecutive days.

- A PCR test and negative result must be completed within three days prior to the first competition of the week
  - OR
- An antigen test and negative result must be completed within one day prior to each competition

The CCCAA requires baseline testing for all athletes, regardless of vaccination status – per CCCAA: PCR test and negative result, or two antigen tests and negative results on nonconsecutive days for **all** student-athletes (regardless of whether they are in season or not) and **all** athletics personnel, administered within a MAXIMUM of five (5) days of report date or before return to campus, whichever is earlier.

6. **How do I provide proof of my vaccine?**

Proof of vaccination (vaccine card or other documentation) is required. Follow the steps to upload proof of vaccination located in the KCCD Campus Pass App. During this process, you will also need to accept the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (CMIA) statement. CMIA prohibits disclosing medical information regarding a patient, enrollee, or subscriber without first obtaining an authorization. Your vaccination information will be secure and held confidentially by the District.

If you have lost your vaccine card, the State of California offers a digital COVID-19 vaccine portal. The portal provides a digital copy of your vaccine record. If you received your vaccination from a federal agency (e.g., Department of Defense, Indian Health Services, or Veterans Affairs), you will need to reach out to those agencies for assistance with your vaccination record. You may request a digital COVID-19 vaccine record **through the California Department of Public Health**. Once received, follow the steps to upload proof of vaccination in the Campus Pass App to receive your Blue Card.

One may also go to the [Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record](#) and follow these steps:

- Fill out your first name, last name, and date of birth
- Check “Cell Phone” or “Email” and enter the cell phone number or email address you used when filling out your vaccine paperwork. If you do not recall which cell phone number or email address you used, you attempt with multiple numbers and addresses.
- Choose a 4-digit code that you will use to retrieve your vaccine record. This is a new code, not something you previously gave to the vaccine site. Make sure you write it down.
7. **What is the deadline for getting a vaccination if I do not have an exemption?**
   The first deadline for presenting proof of at least the first shot of a vaccination (or a single dose of the Janssen vaccine from Johnson & Johnson) is September 7. Proof of full vaccination is required by November 1.

8. **When am I required to wear a mask?**
   Current CDC guidelines require all individuals on District property to wear masks regardless of vaccination status. Further, to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others while on KCCD premises, all employees are required to wear a mask while indoors.

9. **If I am vaccinated, am I still required to test prior to competitions?**
   If you are vaccinated, you are only required to participate in baseline testing. You are not required to participate in testing out of season and you no longer have to participate in testing prior to competition unless you are symptomatic and/or close contact exposure to someone who has tested positive.

   Baseline testing is defined by the CCCAA as: PCR test and negative result, or two antigen tests and negative results on nonconsecutive days for all student-athletes (regardless of whether they are in season or not) and all athletics personnel, administered within a MAXIMUM of five (5) days of report date or before return to campus, whichever is earlier.

10. **Are other teams required to vaccinate their players and staff?**
    The requirement of vaccinations is up to each California Community College district. The district board would have to take action, as our Board has, to require vaccines. There are some colleges within our conference also requiring vaccines, but not all of them. For those not requiring vaccines, they will be governed by the CCCAA requirements for testing for those players, coaches, game day and other athletic staff who are not vaccinated.

11. **If I am vaccinated, how frequently do I need to be COVID-19 tested?**
    If you are vaccinated, you are only required to participate in baseline testing, defined as:
    - PCR test and negative result, or two antigen tests and negative results on nonconsecutive days for all student-athletes (regardless of whether they are in season or not) and all athletics personnel, administered within a MAXIMUM of five (5) days of report date or before return to campus, whichever is earlier.

12. **What if I can’t or don’t want to get vaccinated?**
    If you do not want to be vaccinated, you will need to apply for an exemption. Anyone can apply for an exemption, but they will be considered based on medical and sincerely held religious beliefs. To apply for an exemption, please visit the following:

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13. What is the requirement for event staff, officials?
   We are in the process of developing protocols for short-term guests for each of our campuses. At this time, visitors are required to wear a mask through the duration of their visit to campus. The office or department where short-term guests visit is responsible for having short-term guests complete the Daily Health Checker web-based form for contact tracing.

14. If I got my first dose out of town, can I get my second dose in town?
   Yes, you can get your second dose in a different location from your first, so long as you have waited the necessary number of days between doses (21 days for Pfizer, 28 days for Moderna).

15. What happens if I have a positive COVID-19 test and I am unvaccinated (or vaccinated)?
   If you receive a positive test, you will quarantine for 10 days while your response team conducts a contact tracing investigation to mitigate any other potential infections. If you have questions please contact the following:

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   Cerro Coso College: covid19@cerrocoso.edu
   Porterville College: covid19@portervillecollege.edu

16. What do I do if I don’t feel well?
   Stay home except to get medical care. Call your healthcare provider before going in, in case they have particular requirements, and be sure to get care if you have trouble breathing or experience any emergency warning signs. Notify your coach if you are experiencing any symptoms.