

## **Medical and Religious Exemption for Required General Vaccinations**

Students should contact Health Services (health@siena.edu ) to speak with the Director of Health Services to determine what paperwork will be required for review of all required immunizations. Students must submit separate exemption requests for a medical or religious exemption. All full-time, part-time, and non-matriculated students (registered for 6 credits or more) born after January 1, 1957, are required to submit a completed Siena College Student Immunization Record form to provide proof of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, meningitis and tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis.

Additionally, Siena College requires the COVID 19 Vaccine and the process to request religious or medical accommodation is outlined below.

### **COVID 19 Vaccination Requirement Religious Exemption Process (effective 12/18/21)- For all full-time, part-time and remote courses 1 or more credits**

1. Students must contact the Director of Health Services ([health@siena.edu](mailto:health@siena.edu)) to receive the form for exemption from the COVID -19 Vaccination requirement.
2. Students will submit the form to the Director of Health Services by the specified date (December 1 for spring semester or July 30 for the fall semester) for review and determination by the College's Exemption Committee.
3. The Director of Health Services, a non-voting member of the Exemption Committee serves as the confidential repository of all requests for exemption information. Upon receipt of the form, the Director of Health Services will redact any personal identifiable information within the form and review the request with the Exemption Committee.
4. The Exemption Committee will meet and review the request to determine if an exemption to the COVID 19 vaccine will be given.
5. Applicants should be thorough in their explanation and read carefully what the Exemption Committee is looking for in order to determine whether an exemption will be granted. Please note: All decisions of the Exemption Committee are final and are not subject to appeal. In keeping with the College's general vaccination exemption process, a requested religious exemption must be done by the student yearly.
6. Exempt students will be subject to any college requirements (such as testing or masking) and the College reserves the right to deny the exemption for non-compliance to any stated requirements of the exemption.

### **COVID 19 Vaccination Requirement Medical Exemption Process (effective 12/18/21)- For all full-time, part-time, and remote courses 1 or more credits**

1. Students must contact the Director of Health Services ([health@siena.edu](mailto:health@siena.edu)) to determine what medical information, including medical records and statements from a licensed medical provider, are needed to request a medical exemption from the COVID-19 Vaccination requirement.
2. Students will submit the information to the Director of Health Services by the specified date (December 1 for spring semester or July 30 for the fall semester).
3. The Director of Health Services will review the information in consultation with the College's medical team.
4. Medical exemptions will be determined on a case by case basis, and may be granted only for a specified period of time. Please note: All decisions regarding Medical Exemptions by the Siena College Health Services are final and are not subject to appeal.
5. Exempt students will be subject to any college requirements (such as testing and masking) and the College reserves the right to deny the exemption for non-compliance to any stated requirements of the exemption.