



May 10, 2021

“In accordance with [Governor Andrew M. Cuomo’s recent announcement](#) that SUNY plans to mandate that all in-person SUNY students be vaccinated against COVID-19 for the fall 2021 semester, SUNY Poly students will also be required to be vaccinated to further support the health and safety of our campus community. These decisions are contingent on SUNY board action and the vaccines receiving full FDA approval, and we will share more details as they become available. I wish to commend all members of our community for their steadfast efforts thus far to keep us safe from the spread of this virus. In addition, please find SUNY Chancellor Malatras’ statement copied below.”

-Dr. Tod A. Laursen  
Acting President  
SUNY Polytechnic Institute

#####

Statement from Chancellor Malatras on State Vaccine Requirement

For Immediate Release: Monday, May 10, 2021  
Contact: Holly Liapis; [Holly.Liapis@suny.edu](mailto:Holly.Liapis@suny.edu); 518-320-1311

“Since day one of this pandemic, our students, faculty, and staffs’ health and wellbeing have always been top priority. We have taken extraordinary steps to keep our communities safe—from 100 percent weekly mandated testing; to enhanced health and safety protocols; to opening our campuses to serve as vaccination sites for SUNY and the broader community; to advocating for expanded vaccine eligibility for the entire SUNY community; and to a comprehensive public service campaign to get our SUNY community vaccinated. And all of these efforts have paid enormous dividends. SUNY’s 14-day positivity rate is 0.14 percent and our system—the largest comprehensive system in the nation—has done an extraordinary job keeping our campuses running under trying circumstances. Over the past several weeks we have been working with our SUNY community to develop the best plan to make sure we can return to full reopening in the fall and turn the page on COVID. We thank the Governor for providing resources to our many campuses offering vaccines to SUNY and the broader community. The State’s new vaccination requirement—contingent on full FDA approval—will be another step in restoring normal campus activity this fall.”