State of Illinois’ Mandatory Vaccination/Testing Mandate for Higher Education - FAQs

1. If I’m vaccinated, do I have to wear a mask?

The Harper College mask guidelines applies to all students and staff all the time, whether they are vaccinated or testing weekly. Compliance with the State’s vaccine mandate gives students access to campus. While on campus the mask guideline apply.

Mask Guidelines: Harper College

2. What if a student is under the age of 12 and not eligible to be vaccinated?

Students who are aged 11 and under will check a box on the response form. They will not be required to do any further reporting. Lessons and classes will continue as scheduled and the student and family/guardians must follow current masking procedures for the campus - Mask Guidelines: Harper College

3. Can I request a religious exemption?

Any exemption from vaccine would still require weekly testing. Students who will not be vaccinated must test weekly to come onto the campus. Test results must be filed by Thursday to be eligible for the next week. Test results are filed weekly using the form sent in the original email to students.

4. Does this apply to motorcycle safety classes?

The vaccine mandate applies to all students and staff taking classes at Harper College including Motorcycle Safety classes at any location. Students must file fill out the form and either declare that they are vaccinated or that they have received a negative test result on the Thursday preceding the week they are taking their class.

5. Is the data submitted on the forms secure?

The college is keeping the submitted information private. However, it is not encrypted so some people may feel more comfortable waiting for the HIPPA compliant system to launch. Those people should send an email to scashman@harpercollege stating that they are compliant (either vaccinated or have a negative test) or they are not. I do not need to know which (vaccination or testing) option makes them compliant.

One of the requirements for the solution that will be implemented in a few weeks is that it is HIPAA-compliant. That should resolve any concern.
6. **How should test results be reported?**

   Students should return to the form the filled out initially and complete it for each week that they are reporting test results - [https://harpercollege.formstack.com/forms/ce_student_vaccination_update](https://harpercollege.formstack.com/forms/ce_student_vaccination_update)

   *At-home test kits will not be accepted as proof of a negative test result.

7. **Do parents have to vaccinated or tested if they are dropping off kids?**

   Parents who are simply dropping their children off for a class (or waiting them) are currently considered as visitors and do not need to complete the vaccination document - or be subject to the mandate.

For more information relating to students: [https://www.harpercollege.edu/advisory/vaccine-testing-faqs.php](https://www.harpercollege.edu/advisory/vaccine-testing-faqs.php)