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Dear students,

As we progress through this COVID pandemic, an increasing number of healthcare organizations across the nation are mandating COVID vaccinations for all their employees and trainees. To date, we have received notice that all HCA facilities, all VA facilities, Nemours, and NCH (Naples) are requiring all trainees (to include medical students) to be vaccinated for COVID as part of the credentialing process to engage in patient care. UCF COM is not requiring COVID vaccinations or disclosure of vaccine status, however, we must adhere to the credentialing requirements of our clinical affiliate partners, who are requiring trainees to provide proof of COVID vaccination. If you wish to participate in clinical training at these sites, we are utilizing the below process for you to upload your COVID vaccination documents. We are also developing a process in collaboration with our SASS and Student Affairs offices to accommodate requests for a religious and/or disability-related exemption to receiving the COVID vaccine.

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination can be uploaded to Immunitrax (<a href="https://ucfcm.medicatimmunitrax.com/">https://ucfcm.medicatimmunitrax.com/</a>) under "Vaccine Record." Please make sure your name and date of birth are on the documentation.

If you choose to not report your vaccine status for this credentialing requirement, this will almost certainly result in a significant delay in your training, as the above clinical affiliates account for nearly all our available clinical training sites for community of practice, core clerkships, and elective clerkship rotations. UCF COM will facilitate all exemption requests as quickly as possible to avoid training delays, but a failure to seek an exemption in a timely manner may result in training delays.

We need you to accomplish this vaccine documentation by **20 August, 2021** so that we can update our "Letter of Good Standing", and avoid any delays in clinical training. It is imperative you reach out to the SASS office by **17 August, 2021** if you will be seeking an exemption to avoid any delays in clinical training (e.g. community of practice, core clerkships, elective clerkships, etc...).

Armor Up and Charge On! JL

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