<u>Vaccination / Immunization Health Requirement FAQ's</u> July 11, 2022

General Information FAQ:

1. Where will I find the most up to date information regarding the health requirements for the program in which I am applying for and/or enrolled?

A full list of health requirements for this program is available from your academic advisor or by contacting the Student Health Record Representative at drhoads1@morainepark.edu

A link to state-wide Covid-19 vaccination sites can be found at:

<u>https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-get.htm</u> If you have questions about receiving the vaccine, please contact your health care provider.

2. How do I turn in my health forms and documentation?

Submit a copy of your health records and documentation through SharePoint using the link emailed to you through your MPTC student email account. After your health records are submitted, they will be reviewed by specific MPTC staff to ensure your program requirements have been met. Healthcare records and documents must be submitted by due dates to participate in your clinical program.

3. Who will see my health records?

Your health records are confidential. Once submitted they are only accessible on the secure website by designated MPTC staff. Upon request from the clinical site, individual student health records can be sent via a secure OneDrive folder.

4. Who can I talk to if I have questions about program health requirements or other clinic sites for drug screening?

Danielle Rhoads, Student Health Requirement Representative. Phone: 262-335-5138 Email: drhoads1@morainepark.edu

5. The clinical portion of my program will not occur until a future semester. When must I provide proof of required vaccinations/immunizations, including Covid-19 vaccination?

All health program students enrolled in a clinical course must provide proof of Covid-19 vaccination to the college no later than August 1 for a fall semester clinical course or January 1 for a spring semester course. In the event an earlier date is set at the program level, this information will be communicated to the student at the program orientation meeting. Students found to be in non-compliance may be administratively removed from the upcoming program courses for which they are enrolled.

6. What if the deadline for electronic submission of the health and other program records is not met, including documentation of booster completion for Covid-19 when eligible or the annual flu vaccination?

Students who do not remain up to date with the established health requirements, including providing proof of required vaccination/immunization to MPTC prior to the established due dates, will not be allowed to attend off-campus clinical until such time as proof of compliance with health requirements is received by the college from the student. Due to the impact on both course grade and student progression in program, it is important that students remain up to date will all vaccination/immunizations while enrolled in a health care program at MPTC. The inability to complete clinical will impact a student's ability to complete the program.

Covid-19 vaccination FAQ:

7. I received my first in the series of two-shot vaccination process. What does this mean for my ability to participate in my scheduled clinical course?

Students not in full compliance with the identified health requirements of their assigned clinical agency will not be allowed to participate in their off-site clinical course site until they meet the requirements. Missed clinical time will count as unexcused clinical hours. Therefore, the timeline for becoming fully vaccinated is critical.

8. I completed the Covid-19 vaccination series. What do I need to do now?

If you have received the COVID-19 vaccine, upload a copy of your Wisconsin Immunization Registry (as proof) into your SharePoint account. Contact Danielle Rhoads at drhoads1@morainepark.edu for questions regarding how to upload your health requirements.

9. I do not wish to receive the Covid-19 vaccination. In addition, I do not wish to seek a religious or medical exemption. What does this decision mean for me?

Students who choose not to comply with health care agency student health requirements will not be allowed to attend clinical off-campus. The inability to complete clinical will impact a student's ability to complete the program.

Medical or Religious Exemption Information FAQ:

10. After review of the health requirements, I am interested in seeking a religious or medical exemption for one or more vaccinations. What is the process?

Students enrolled in a health or human services program must meet the identified health requirements of the off-site clinical, including compliance with Covid-19 vaccination protocols. As outlined in the FAQ document, health requirements, including the COVID-19 vaccination/booster, are mandated by health care agencies providing MPTC clinical opportunities. Therefore, any review (including approval) of an exemption request from a student will be reviewed and approved by the assigned clinical agency.

Religious exemption requests: see question #11 below.

<u>Medical exemption requests</u>: Students seeking a medical exemption should contact the MPTC Disability Resources team for a review of the request for *an accommodation*. Accommodation

requests can be submitted at the following link: https://morainepark-accommodate.symplicity.com/public_accommodation/. Should the MPTC Disability Resource team approve an accommodation, an attempt will be made by the college to place the student at a site that will accept student exemptions. If there are no clinical sites that meet the academic requirements of the program who are currently reviewing exemptions for students, the student may be asked to defer their clinical placement until they are able to meet the criteria of the clinical site.

If the accommodation request is denied, the Accommodation Specialist will guide the student through the accommodation appeal process. There is no appeal process for health requirements as they are set by clinical agencies.

11. How will I know if the clinical site I am assigned to will accept a religious or medical exemption request from a student?

The first step for students seeking a medical or religious exemption would be to contact Danielle Rhoads via email at drhoads1@morainepark.edu. Should the clinical agency for which you are assigned accept religious or medical exemption requests, you will receive written instructions, including directions for how to upload documentation to your SharePoint account prior to the start of clinical. Students seeking a medical or religious exemption may only contact a clinical site after receiving written directions from the College.

All requests for religious or medical exemptions, must be submitted in alignment with the due dates associated with submission of health requirements. MPTC does not assign or reassign students based upon vaccination status to facilitate clinical placement.

12. My assigned clinical agency has rejected my application for religious or medical exemption. What does this mean for my participation in clinical?

Students who receive a rejection from a clinical site for either a religious or medical exemption will need to either withdraw from the clinical course or meet the timeline for Covid-19 vaccination to remain in the clinical course.

13. I have a work-based exemption on file with the health care agency for which I work. Can I utilize this exemption to fulfill the college requirement?

For a work-place approved exemption to fulfill the student clinical health requirement documentation, you must provide an approved exemption stating this exemption also covers your status as a student participating in a clinical course at the same site.

14. For those students with an approved exemption on file will proof of a weekly Covid-19 testing be required?

While MPTC is not requiring weekly PCR tests for students with an approved exemption, should the site for which the student is assigned require this weekly test, all associated costs will be at the student expense. Test results must be submitted via SharePoint according to the directions provided to impacted students.

15. My request for medical or religion has been approved by the health care agency for which I am assigned. What is the next step in order to remain compliant with my health requirements?

Students receiving an approved religious or medical exemption from the clinical agency for which they are assigned should upload this information to their SharePoint account following the directions provided by Danielle Rhoads (see question #11 above).

Drug Screen:

16. Why is drug screening required? What drug screen is required? And, what is the cost?

Mandatory drug screening is a requirement set forth by clinical agencies in order to ensure a safe environment. Failure to complete the drug screen will require withdrawal from Health Science program courses.

A 10-panel drug screen (or greater) is required. The one-time drug screen must be obtained within the assigned due date range.

Drug screen costs vary and are often in the range of \$50 - \$55; the cost may increase if additional evaluation is required. At most clinics, there is an additional fee charged for a positive drug screen to match/evaluate with your current prescribed medications.

17. Can I use a provider of my choice for the drug screen?

No, the drug screen must be completed by one of these Occupational Health department labs:

• SSM Health at Work: (3 locations)

430 East Division Street, Fond du Lac	920-926-5666
620 West Brown Street, Waupun	920-324-6846
790 Eastgate Drive, Ripon	920-745-3590

Aurora Occupational Health: (2 listed, but any Aurora Occupational Health Clinic may be used)

210 Wisconsin-American Drive, Fond du Lac	920-907-7240
205 Valley Avenue. West Bend	262-338-5388

HealthWorks:

707 South University Avenue, Beaver Dam 920-887-4089

18. How is the drug screen done?

The drug screen is a urine test and there is a specific procedure for the test. The urine sample MUST be obtained at the designated lab site; specimens may not be brought in to the test site. A driver's license or picture ID is required for the drug screen. A full bladder is encouraged at the time of the test.

19. What if I have a positive drug screen?

Should a currently enrolled student's drug screen be returned with a positive finding for any state or federally controlled substance prohibited by law the student will not be allowed to return to class, including participation in any off-site clinical, until such time as they have completed the necessary actions outlined in Procedure PR 723.03 Student Reasonable Suspicion procedure.

The College is not responsible for the interruption of the student's academic progress or the need to withdraw from the College to obtain the needed substance abuse counseling.

20. Will I have access to my results?

When you go for your drug screen, you will want to clarify the procedure for receipt of your results. Your results are to be sent directly to Moraine Park.

NOTE: the content to this document is subject to change based upon both changes to agency policies and procedures related to Covid-19 and regulations related to those working or volunteering in or around the health care industry. (7/11/2022)