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Dear Nursing Students,

We pride ourselves on being a school that puts the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff, and our community first. In the age of COVID-19, protecting each other has meant taking a number of measures, such as change in theory, lab, and simulation and clinical.

It's now increasingly clear that the best way we can protect our students, faculty, staff, community, and patients moving forward is with COVID-19 vaccines. Vaccines have been proven to protect against serious illness from the novel coronavirus and are thought to lessen rates of transmission. Vaccines provide stronger, longer, and better protection from the novel coronavirus than the antibodies a person produces after they've been infected with COVID-19.

It's for all of these reasons that we are writing to you now — urging you to vaccinate yourself against COVID-19. At this time we have two clinical agencies that are requiring students to be vaccinated to be able to attend clinical and expect that number to rise before school and clinical begin.

Therefore, effective July 8, 2021, Fort Scott Community College Department of Nursing will require the nursing faculty and students that are engaged in clinical rotations be vaccinated for COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccines are an important tool to help stop the pandemic, but they don't mean we can stop taking all precautionary measures. After vaccination, everyone in the school should continue to follow all current guidance to protect themselves and others.

I understand some individuals may still have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, I recommend visiting the CDC's page for more information.

Please feel free to reach out to myself with any questions you may have.

Best wishes,

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