

## TSTC- Harlingen Vocational Nursing Program COVID Vaccine Information

"CMS Omnibus COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccination Rule" – Implementation.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS have made revisions to the requirements that establish COVID-19 vaccination requirements for staff and caregivers at the included Medicare- and Medicaid- certified providers and suppliers. This mandate, which has been upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States will impact the majority of our Clinical Sites available to our students for experiential learning.

Therefore, our students will be directly impacted by the rule and will be required by those clinical partners certified to receive Medicare- and Medicaid- reimbursements to be vaccinated as all of their staff will also be required to meet this expectation. Each entity will apply allowed exemptions to this requirement as they see fit. Additionally, sites not receiving Medicare- and Medicaid- may choose to mandate vaccinations in an effort to maintain continuity in Health Care and protect patients and caregivers.

Exemptions will not be determined by TSTC, each clinical site will establish their policy and expectation as relates to exemptions as well as approval or denial, and we will ensure the process is followed and documented in the students record.

TSTC will meet the requirement of ensuring all students at attendance at clinical meet the requirements to attend clinical as determined by each site in compliance with their entities internal policies and CMS as it applies.

TSTC as an entity does not fall under the requirement of CMS and will only work to ensure students enrolled in programs with off campus clinical requirements for experiential learning are compliant with all expectations. If a program does not have an alternative option for completion of clinical requirements and experiential learning the student will not be eligible for acceptance into the program.

Additionally, in order to successfully meet job requirements of clinical, employees must meet the same expectations required by the program's clinical sites."