

BENNINGTON COLLEGE

TO: Faculty and Staff

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We are grateful to all faculty and staff for their commitment to maintaining safe practices around COVID—your support of our community has been extraordinarily inspiring.

As State regulations are evolving, we are writing to share several updates: (1) guidance on expanded vaccine eligibility and (2) post-vaccine guidance on travel.

Vaccine Eligibility

Vermont State vaccine eligibility

The State of Vermont has expanded the COVID-19 vaccine eligibility over the next month to include all individuals who are 16 or older. We encourage employees who live in Vermont and who wish to [make an appointment](#) to set up an account in advance of the registration opening date.



New York State vaccine eligibility

New York State has expanded the COVID 19 vaccine eligibility to essential in-person staff working at colleges; faculty teaching in-person were previously eligible. We encourage all employees who live in New York and who wish to [register for the vaccine](#) to do so. As needed, Human Resources will provide employees with an attestation of the essential nature of an employee's position. Given our understanding of the regulations, we would expect that most, if not all, positions would qualify as essential in-person staff (as long as the employee is working from campus in some capacity). When registering, please be sure to click the 'Additional Information' box that reads: 'Are you an in-person college faculty or essential in-person staff?'

Massachusetts State vaccine eligibility

Massachusetts regulations expanded vaccine eligibility to people age 60 and older as well as those individuals 16 and older with *two or more* of certain medical conditions. We encourage all employees who live in Massachusetts and who wish to [register for the vaccine](#) to do so.

General COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

For additional COVID vaccine information, please refer to the following resources:

If your residence is in:	COVID-19 Vaccine Resources
Vermont	General Information and Eligibility
New York	General Information and Eligibility
Massachusetts	General Information and Eligibility

Post-Vaccine guidance on travel

For those who have been vaccinated, the State of Vermont offers [detailed guidance on travel and gathering](#). Vermont residents who are fully vaccinated may travel to and return to Vermont without quarantine. For complete details, [check out the State's guidance](#).

We are hopeful that Spring brings us all both warm temperatures and welcome relief from the pandemic. We encourage you all to take a moment to enjoy the beautiful outdoors—it's invigorating in so many ways.