Suffolk County Community College College Brief

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TO: The College Community

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SUBJECT: Faculty and Staff Are Invited to Voluntarily Share Their COVID-19 Vaccination Card With Human Resources

On May 18, 2021, Interim President Petrizzo issued College Brief #151, updating the college community on a number of COVID-19-related decisions that are being implemented across the College.

As we review SUNY working documents and various proposals being presented at the State level, the College's Safe Start Task Force continues to discuss draft plans for the fall semester, fully aware that it will be a period of transition for everyone.

As noted in the College Brief, it is now mandatory for all SUNY and CUNY students returning to inperson classes for the fall 2021 semester to be fully vaccinated. While vaccination of faculty and staff is not mandatory at this time, it is being encouraged. Based on some of the materials we are seeing in draft form, a policy requiring less frequent testing for those faculty and staff who are fully vaccinated could be considered for implementation in the fall. This would be a favorable development for everyone. Notably, being vaccinated serves to enhance the overall health and safety of our entire community. In addition, fewer tests means enhanced convenience for faculty and staff.

At this time, the College would like to invite all fully-vaccinated faculty and staff to share a scanned copy of their COVID-19 Vaccination Card here: AVPHR@sunysuffolk.edu

<u>This request is completely voluntary.</u> By collecting this information now, should a new policy be advanced, we will be able to quickly advise fully-vaccinated employees regarding their ability to test less frequently. The scanned vaccination card will only be handled by staff within the Office of Human Resources and all copies will remain confidential. Anyone with questions is invited to contact Human Resources at (631)-451-4207.