



NDSCS Employees –

To continue to minimize the risk and spread of COVID-19 NDSCS will be providing a \$100 financial incentive to students who have been fully vaccinated. NDSCS has continued to work closely with local public health units and NDDoH to increase vaccine uptake among students and employees by providing information about and offering COVID-19 vaccinations.

Overview

- **All NDSCS degree-seeking students (full-time or part-time) who are enrolled at NDSCS for Fall 2021 semester and can verify they are fully vaccinated will receive \$100.**
 - The following students are **NOT** eligible: benefitted employees who are taking classes at NDSCS; Early Entry students; Adult Farm Management students; collaborative students whose home institution is not NDSCS; Tri-College students whose home campus is not NDSCS.
- To be eligible, students must be **fully vaccinated** (both shots of Pfizer/Moderna or one shot of J&J/Janssen) **by October 15, 2021.**
 - Due to Pfizer/Moderna vaccinations requiring multiple weeks between the first and second vaccinations students should plan to get their first Pfizer/Moderna vaccination no later than September 15.

Funds

- Funds that will be used to incentivize students to receive a COVID-19 vaccine are federal funds.
- Institutions of higher education may use HEERF institutional grant funds to provide reasonable incentives to current students, faculty, and staff of the institution to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Specifically, CRRSA Act section 314(c)(1), applicable to the CARES Act, the CRRSA Act, and the ARP Act, allows institutions to *“defray expenses associated with coronavirus.”*

Verification/Request Process

- Students who received their vaccination in North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, or South Dakota will submit a HEERF III Vaccination Proof request form (will be available early next week). NDSCS Student Health and their trained designees will verify the vaccination through the corresponding state health department registry.
 - All other students will need to upload proof of vaccination into the request form. Proof of vaccination must be obtained through the [student’s state registry](#).
 - COVID cards will NOT be accept due to fraudulent activity.
- Once a student’s vaccination status has been verified, the NDSCS Business Office will be notified to issue the \$100 to the student.
 - **NOTE:** the payment will be paid directly to the student via direct deposit or check; it will not be applied against tuition and fee charges.

More details will be provided in the coming days. Thank you – stay well!

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