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## **New England Institute of Technology Will Require COVID-19 Vaccinations for Students for the Fall 2021 Term**

East Greenwich, RI – New England Institute of Technology (NEIT) announced that all students who participate in on-campus classes or activities will be required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to the start of the fall term which begins on October 4, 2021. This decision was made based upon data provided by local and federal public health officials with the safety of the university community of the utmost importance.

The heart of the New England Tech learning experience is a hands-on interactive student environment. The COVID-19 vaccination requirement will provide the optimum environment for our students to succeed and develop the skills they will need as they prepare for their careers. Medical and religious exemptions will be granted to students and reasonable accommodations will be provided as allowed by applicable laws and regulations.

The COVID-19 vaccination requirement will also provide a safer environment and the return of a more traditional college experience for New England Tech students. In addition to engaging classroom and lab experiences, students will participate more safely in exciting events, activities, student clubs and intramural sports.

The vaccination requirement does not apply to students enrolled in fully online degree programs unless they utilize any on-campus facilities, services and or activities. Students enrolled in hybrid online learning programs will be required to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. NEIT encourages all faculty and staff to be vaccinated for COVID-19 as well.

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Under the leadership of President Richard I. Gouse, New England Institute of Technology is a private, non-profit technical university and is accredited by the New England Commission on Higher Education. Founded in 1940, the university offers more than 50 associate, bachelor's, master's, doctoral and online/hybrid degree programs focusing on a proven combination of technical expertise coupled with experiential learning. Visit [www.neit.edu](http://www.neit.edu) and follow news of the university on Facebook, Twitter, You Tube, Instagram and LinkedIn.