MEMORANDUM

To: Diné College Students

From: _____________________
Dr. Geraldine Garrity

Date: May 17, 2021

Re: Notice of COVID-19 Virus Vaccination requirement for all On-Site Activities

Diné College endeavors to maintain a safe and healthy environment for all persons on the College premises. Please take notice that with the highly contagious COVID-19 virus that can cause serious illness, Diné College has instituted policy and guidelines requiring students who will reside on campus or take in-person classes must self-disclose any virus-related symptoms and must be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus. Diné College will provide reasonable accommodation for medical reasons from the vaccination requirement unless such accommodation would be an unreasonable burden on the College. The request for accommodation will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Diné College provides educational services along with related residential and food service components that places students in close contact to each other, College employees and the general public. This creates a significant risk of exposure of the virus on our College campus. Against this, we have determined that the highly contagious Covid virus is a significant threat to the health of our employees and students. In addition, we have also determined that failure to be vaccinated constitutes a direct threat to other employees, students and the general public. For these reasons, the College has instituted the requirement for the virus vaccination and proof of such vaccination as a condition for entering College premises.

Students must be aware of continued these safety guidelines which will be updated throughout the semester period with the COVID-19 pandemic status. See the on-site safety guidelines attached to this notice.

We care about your health and look forward to your cooperation and continued vigilance in helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment on campus.

I acknowledge I am in receipt this Notice Memorandum and attached Guidelines.

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Print name  Signature   ID     Date
Diné College On-Site Safety Guidelines

**Diné College On-site Campus Safety for Students**

All students shall be screened when entering any of the 6 campus sites (building or gate) at Diné College.

The student must have: 1) College ID, 2) COVID-19 Clearance Sticker on your ID, and 3) know your Student ID. These documents are required for entering the 6 College locations premises. If you visit more than 1 campus in one day, you must be re-screened for each site.

When on Campus premises, all students must have their College ID shown on their person. If you do not have a College ID, please contact your Campus/Center to obtain the photo appointment for your ID. Verification of your enrollment will be conducted.

COVID-19 Clearance Stickers are mandatory to enter and remain on College premises. The COVID-19 Sticker must be visible on your College ID. To obtain your COVID-19 Clearance Sticker, you must visit a Screening Station at one of your Centers/Campus, present your COVID-19 Vaccination card and a C-19 Clearance sticker will be placed on your College ID. Screeners will submit a copy (photo) of your vaccination card to Incident Command for verification.

**Weekend Facility Access** is not allowed unless you are taking a schedule class on a Saturday or Sunday. Campus Security will be monitoring these sites throughout the semester. Please try to conduct your student business during operation hours to ensure you are screened for facility entry. Be mindful that we all share our facility with others and help ensure their safety and others on campus.

On-site Residence Students and their families (12 years and older) and student workers/interns all must have their COVID-19 vaccination for presence on College premises. Student Residents and their family members living on-site will be provided a separate College ID and COVID-19 Verification for on-site access. For non-student family residence, please contact the Family Residence Management to obtain your College ID.

Diné College is still closed to the General Public (non-students and non-employee). This restriction may change as we monitor the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Mandatory Mask** continues to be in effective at Diné College even if you have been vaccinated or under medical accommodation. This requirement is for the continued protection of our at-risk population: families/children living on-site, and those who are not eligible for the vaccine. In addition we wish to protect families, children and/or elder(s) to whom student return home after being on College campus premises.

Restriction for commuter students to bring Dependants/Children have NOT been lifted. Therefore, please refrain from bringing your child with you on College premises as they may or may not be vaccinated and pose a risk to maintaining a safe working/learning environment.
Students are expected to know the **symptoms** related to COVID-19 and take appropriate actions for treatment or quarantine, and also to report such symptoms to the College such as coughing, fever, shortness of breath, and difficulty breathing, **DO NOT COME ON-SITE WITH THESE SYMPTOMS AND GET CHECKED AND TESTED.**

Early symptoms may include chills, body aches, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, nausea/vomiting, and runny nose. If you develop a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, **DO NOT COME ON-SITE!** Immediately call your health-care provider.

Cloth-based **masks** must cover mouth and nasal area as required by Navajo Nation Health Command Operation Center (NNHCOC) and Center for Disease Control (CDC). N-95 masks are highly recommended. Wearing a mask on College premises is mandatory.

CDC guidelines on **hand-washing** procedures (20 second rule) and proper cleaning hygiene will be followed on-site. Students are encouraged to have and use hand-sanitizers. DC will have available hand sanitizers accessible for all students on-site.

Maintain **social distance**, especially if you are not aware that someone has their COVID-19 vaccine or in public.

**Face to Face** courses will be limited to the size of the room and location. General teaching classroom is limited to 9 students and 1 faculty.