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To: All NCIFTI Personnel and Students
From: Stephen Lefaver
NCIFTI Director of Apprenticeship & Training

Re: COVID-19 Vaccination/Testing Requirements – Update July 23, 2022

The following message provides the latest information regarding the State of Illinois Executive Order 2021-22 and the NCIFTI's policy regarding COVID-19 vaccination and testing requirements.

Per the State of Illinois Executive Order 2022-16 filed July 12, 2022, the COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing requirements for Higher Education contained in Executive Order 2021-22 have been rescinded.

As a result, effective immediately, COVID-19 vaccination and testing are no longer required for students, faculty, and staff of the NCIFTI.

The NCIFTI continues to strongly encourage students, faculty and staff to be vaccinated and up to date on their vaccines, including boosters that can further enhance or restore protection that might have decreased over time after your primary vaccination. The science shows that vaccines are safe and effective in not only protecting against COVID-19 but reducing its severity and limiting its transmission.

If you are exposed to, have symptoms of, or test positive for COVID-19, you are required to notify the NCIFTI prior to attendance and follow the current [IDPH](#) & [CDC guidelines](#) for quarantine and isolation. Those guidelines indicate, based on your vaccination status, exposure, and/or positive (or suspected positive) status, when you should stay home and away from other people, and for how long you are advised to wear a well-fitting mask following a period of infection, exposure to an infected person, or concern over possible infection. Individuals may choose to wear a mask at any time to protect themselves or those around them from spread of COVID-19, and to maintain social distancing during their indoor activities at the NCIFTI. Please do not hesitate to alert the NCIFTI staff to your preferences; we will make every effort to accommodate you.

The NCIFTI remains committed to the health and safety of all our personnel and students and will continue to follow the most up-to-date health and safety guidance and will make adjustments accordingly and when necessary.

If you have any questions, concerns or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Lefaver', written over a white background.

Stephen Lefaver

Director of Apprenticeship & Training

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