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**via EMAIL**

Dear Attorney General Wilson,

Thank you for your July 6, 2021, letter regarding the College of Charleston's Fall 2021 COVID-19 protocols. I am thankful for our shared desire to offer College of Charleston students the safest and most productive Fall 2021 term as possible.

Following your guidance, earlier today we issued a clarifying message (enclosed) regarding our campus protocols for the coming academic year. I feel confident that with this message the College's position is very clear. Our message in part reads:

- As has always been the case, students are not required to be vaccinated in order to enroll or attend the College of Charleston or participate in any campus activities.
  - Please Note: the College of Charleston continues to strongly encourage all students to get vaccinated in order to assist in the College's COVID-19 mitigation efforts.
- For those students who are not vaccinated, they will not be required to participate in monthly testing protocols. However, given the social nature and high density of a college campus, public health experts strongly encourage monthly testing for those individuals, at a minimum. The College will offer voluntary weekly testing on campus to help facilitate this effort.

Furthermore, I want to personally assure you that no student will have any adverse consequence for making the personal choice to not be vaccinated at the College of Charleston.

Again, thank you for contacting me. The next time you are in Charleston I hope you will come by campus. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss with you the wonderful things we are doing for our students.

Sincerely,

Andrew Hsu

ENCLOSURE



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**From:** [CofC Covid-19 Information](#)  
**To:** [Students: FALL: Eligible to enroll](#); [Students: SUMMER: Enrolled: All](#); [Students: FALL: Parents \(Eligible to Enroll\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Administrative Information](#)  
**Subject:** Clarification on COVID-19 Policies for Summer/Fall Semesters 2021  
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Dear Students and Families:

Last week, the College's COVID-19 Leadership Team issued general guidelines regarding its COVID-19 plans and policies for the summer and fall semesters, which took effect Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

There were a few questions from students and families regarding requirements around vaccines and testing.

In effort to address some of those questions, the College of Charleston would like to clarify a couple items:

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While the pandemic has certainly slowed in the United States, allowing the country to open up in many ways as before, the negative impact, both real and potential, of COVID-19 has not disappeared. The College of Charleston will continue to implement a wide range of strategies in order to ensure and protect the health and safety of our campus community, while also adhering to state law and state public health guidance.

Sincerely,

CofC COVID-19 Leadership Team