Trinidad State will require students living in residence halls and student athletes to receive the COVID-19 vaccine before the start of the fall 2021 semester. This will enable the campus to more fully return to a traditional campus experience for the fall 2021 semester.

Trinidad State will have a vaccine verification process to determine that the requirement has been met. There are two ways to complete the vaccine requirement:
- Proof of vaccination
- Vaccine exemption

Only vaccines that are approved by the World Health Organization (WHO) will meet the TSC vaccine requirements. Trinidad State will host a vaccine clinic on campus, Thursday, August 12 from 1 – 3 pm for any student that has been unable to get vaccinated this summer.

There are two types of exemptions:

**Medical exemption:**
Medical exemptions must be signed by a licensed physician and must include a date and reason for exemption.

**Non-medical exemption:**
Non-medical exemptions are provided for religious or personal beliefs that are opposed to immunizations.

Please note, students submitting non-medical exemptions will be required to:
- Provide evidence of a negative COVID test before moving into the Residence Halls, no more than 72 hours old;
- Participate in weekly COVID-19 testing as directed by Trinidad State College;
- Monitor College email daily for important health notifications;

In the event of a COVID outbreak, isolation or quarantine directive from the local health department, non-medical exemption students will be required to temporarily relocate to an off-campus location at their own expense.

Students submitting a medical exemption will be required to:
- Provide evidence of a negative COVID test before moving into the Residence Halls, no more than 72 hours old;
- Participate in weekly COVID-19 testing as directed by Trinidad State College; and
- Monitor College email daily for important health notifications;

In the event of a COVID outbreak, isolation or quarantine directive from the local health department, medical exemption students will be accommodated on campus.

Any student that is not vaccinated (medical and non-medical exemptions) will be required to wear a mask at all times when in any campus building.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Kerry Gabrielson at 719-846-5643.