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## ANATP/BNATP Monthly Update September 2021

1. President Biden has mandated vaccination for all staff in long-term care facilities. It is likely that the facilities will begin mandating that clinical students and their instructors become fully vaccinated. If your clinical partner requires vaccination and students refuse vaccination, they will not be able to meet the requirements for taking the certification exam and will have to be removed from the course. It is up to individual programs to determine if they wish to find alternative sites that do not require the vaccination. Provider groups are, however, requesting that *all* healthcare workers and facility staff receive the vaccine. Now that one of the vaccines has received full FDA approval, you should anticipate additional mandates.
2. Governor Pritzker has mandated a COVID vaccine for all teachers from pre-K through grade 12 and for all higher education instructors. This includes *all* instructors, program coordinators, and support staff in all ANATPs and BNATPs. If you or your staff have not been vaccinated by September 5, 2021 you will have to submit to at least weekly COVID testing.
3. ***No student can be admitted to a BNATP or ANATP without a valid social security number.*** *There are no exceptions to this and no waivers!* This includes high school students even though high school students do not require background checks. Entries must be made in the HCWR for all students and this entry requires a social security number. Without an SSN, the student cannot take the certification exam because the INACE system requires one also. Taxpayer Identification Numbers (TIN or ITIN) cannot substitute for an SSN. The INACE system will recognize it as a TIN and will reject registration for those students. It will be up to the school that admitted a non-qualified student to determine if a refund of tuition is appropriate. Social Security cards that are marked for work authorization only are eligible to enroll in a BNATP and take the certification exam.
4. If a student is forced to quarantine due to exposure or active COVID, the program can provide online education or other remote activities to keep the student from getting behind. The BNATP does not have to have an approved hybrid program. *Private Business/Vocational Programs must have IBHE permission and must provide that permission to IDPH in order to follow this guidance.*



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5. BNATPs who have students who must miss class due to a COVID quarantine may use online education for those students until they are able to return to class. Lab and clinicals must still be face-to-face.
6. Our southern region Education Coordinator, Beth Young, has created some videos to assist programs with entering data into the Health Care Worker Registry. There are three videos:
  - a. Registering for Access to the IDPH Web Portal
  - b. How to Access the HCWR to Initiate a Background Check
  - c. Entering Student Training Dates into the HCWR

Coordinators & Instructors > Resources > Coordinators > **Resource Videos for Using Health Care Worker Registry** or at the following link:

<https://nurseaidetesting.com/health-care-worker-registry-videos/>

7. I do not “approve” master schedules. These are your classes and they can be scheduled as you wish as long as they meet the brief guidelines in Title 77 Section 395. If you receive an acknowledgment of receipt (usually in the form of an email with a simple “thanks.”), then there was no clarification required of the schedule and the class can proceed as scheduled. If there were clarifications or revisions needed, you would receive those requests via email.

As always, do not hesitate to call or email with questions.

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