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Educational Partners:

I want to make you aware of a change for the NGHS system in regard to COVID-19 vaccination. In order to be compliant with new CMS requirements, the Northeast Georgia Health System will require COVID-19 vaccination of all learners who are receiving clinical training at one of our sites. The vaccination requirement includes all of our physicians including our residents and all other employees. The CMS requirement also includes contractors, vendors, and students who are in the facility.

The vaccination requirement must be met by December 5, 2021. We will be including proof of vaccination as part of our medical student and PA/NP student on-boarding immediately. If a student is not fully vaccinated, they will not be allowed to rotate at any of the physician practices, urgent care, long-term care facilities, or hospitals that make up the Northeast Georgia Health System.

You have previously received communication from the regional AHEC center (Foothills AHEC) that provide housing support. They have required that students be fully vaccinated as of October 1, 2021 in order to stay in AHEC housing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me by email at john.delzell@nghs.com

Sincerely,

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