

## **Job Corps COVID-19 Safety Protocols Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) No. 4 Updated**

Job Corps has received a number of questions about the implementation of PIN 21-02 and PIN 21-07 in coordination with Job Corps' existing COVID-19 guidance and practices. The below FAQs answer many—but not all—of the questions we have received from staff and students. As in previous stages of the pandemic, implementation of Job Corps' COVID-19 safety protocols is an ongoing process. Job Corps welcomes additional questions and concerns from its students and staff as it considers additional FAQs and guidance to help centers implement these new protocols.

New and updated questions and answers are highlighted below.

### **Entry testing of all students after winter break**

**1. Must centers test new enrollees/students and returning students?**

For newly arriving students, center operators must continue to follow protocols as outlined in PIN 21-02 for *testing, quarantine, and isolation*. Center operators must continue to test the unvaccinated/not fully vaccinated upon return to center, and initiate program quarantine if a returning student receives a negative COVID-19 test result upon arrival.

**2. Should centers re-test students after arrival on center?**

No, unless symptomatic. However, unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students will continue to enter program quarantine.

**3. Must new enrollees who have not yet arrived on center complete [Program Instruction Notice 21-01 Attachment C COVID Vaccination Collection Form](#)?**

Yes, these students must complete this form after approval for enrollment but before arrival on center. The center cannot require vaccination before arrival, but the center must provide referrals for vaccination to students who are not fully vaccinated.

**4. Must centers obtain Regional Office approval before bringing in an outside provider to administer vaccinations on center?**

No, but centers should make the Regional Office aware of this activity. Centers must ensure these individuals comply with all COVID-19 safety protocols and all center rules. Additionally, centers should limit the areas of center accessed by outside providers and provide clear instructions on which areas these providers may access and when.

### **Treatment of vaccinated students and unvaccinated students**

**5. Must all students continue to complete the daily symptom tracker?**

Yes.

**6. Must fully vaccinated students continue to socially distance?**

Yes.

**7. What if unvaccinated in-person students decline to test according to PIN 21-02?**

As noted in PIN 21-01, centers must discontinue these students from in-person learning

and transition them to distance learning. If a residential student, this student must be returned to their home of record.

**8. Do PIN 21-02's quarantine requirements apply when a residential student moves from their original center to an Advanced Training center?**

Yes. Residential fully vaccinated Advanced Training students do not need to quarantine upon arrival. Those who are not fully vaccinated must quarantine according to PIN 21-02.

**9. May center operators resume off-center activities?**

Yes. Center operators are authorized to resume the following off-center activities:

- a. Weekend passes and PTO
- b. Recreational trips
- c. Work-Based Learning
- d. Leisure Time employment

*\* Center operators must continue to follow existing protocol regarding off-center activities for students not fully vaccinated.*

**10. Must students and staff continue to mask in center or shared vehicles?**

Center operator's must follow guidance in PIN 21-02 and seek concurrence from their Regional Office before implementing any changes in masking guidance on the *COVID-19 Community Levels and Masking Requirements by Location* website - <https://www.dol.gov/coronavirus/masking>. This website is updated every Friday, and centers are responsible for checking the site each Friday and making any updates to their masking policies as soon as operationally feasible.

**11. May centers allow students to train through off-center Work-Based Learning (WBL)? Is the waiver process still in place?**

Job Corps recommends resuming WBL activities. Under existing policy, all students may train through WBL provided centers follow existing COVID-19 safety protocols. PINs 20-03 and 20-07 allow WBL with approval by a center's Regional Office.

**12. Are centers allowed to issue personal time off to students?**

Yes. For on-center students who are not vaccinated, partially vaccinated (according to current CDC guidance), or decline to answer on vaccination status, centers must continue to maintain students' quarantine for seven days following approved, essential leave/PTO in accordance with PIN 21-02.

**13. May centers plan off-center activities such as recreation trips for residential students?**

Yes. Center operators may resume planning off-center activities under the existing safety protocols, including requesting a waiver for students that are not fully vaccinated to participate.