

From the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities and the College Registrar

Dear Students,

The State of Illinois enacted a law (Public Act 099-0278) effective January 1, 2016, that allows students to assign an emergency contact for mental health emergencies. This would be outside the emergency contact person you provided when you enrolled in the college. This mental health emergency contact that would be contacted should you as a student experience a mental health crisis where you are determined to pose a clear danger to yourself or others.

The individual that, if you choose to have a mental health emergency contact should be someone that is over the age of 18 years of age, and can make medical decisions on your behalf if you are unable to do so. Without a STUDENT OPTIONAL DISCLOSURE OF PRIVATE MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION on file and an emergency arises, the college may contact the general emergency contact on file. Please understand that under certain circumstances as allowed and/or required by law, College officials may contact your parents, family members or others in the event of an emergency without your expressed written consent. You have a right as a student to withdraw or revoke your STUDENT OPTIONAL DISCLOSURE OF PRIVATE MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION authorization by notifying the college in writing.

You can access additional information about this process by visiting the <https://www.jjc.edu/campus-life/student-rights-responsibilities/ferpa-information-and-forms> webpage. You may review, print, and/or sign the form here:

[https://www.jjc.edu/sites/default/files/Student_Rights/Authorization%2012%2015%20\(002\).pdf](https://www.jjc.edu/sites/default/files/Student_Rights/Authorization%2012%2015%20(002).pdf)

If you decide to complete the form, please take that form to the Office of the Registrar, Joliet Junior College, 1215 Houbolt Rd. A-1033, Joliet, Illinois 60431.

Sincerely,

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