

COVID-19 Student Vaccination Policy

General. The University requires all students coming to campus to be fully-vaccinated (and at times boosted) against COVID-19 in order to minimize outbreaks of COVID-19 on campus and to promote the public health of the community, consistent with federal, State, and local efforts.

- All students must be **fully-vaccinated** and present proof to the University prior to coming to any University campus for any reason, including moving into a residence hall, attending classes or events, participating in practicums or laboratories, and/or entering any campus building. This requirement applies to all matriculated or enrolled full-time or part-time students in any University school or program – undergraduate, professional or graduate – including joint programs, and to all visiting, exchange and similar students from other institutions participating in University classes.
- YU Student ID Cards will be turned off for campus access if the student has not complied with this policy.
- Fully-vaccinated means two weeks after the second dose of the Moderna or Pfizer/BioNTech or Novavax vaccine, or two weeks after the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Currently, these are the only four vaccines authorized for use in the United States by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- In addition, the following students are also required to obtain all **boosters** they are eligible for (i.e., six months after receiving the second dose of the Moderna or Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine, or two months after receiving the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Please contact CovidStudentLine@yu.edu for questions about boosters for the Novavax vaccine).
 - Cardozo Law School students
 - Ferkauf Graduate School students
 - Katz School students in allied health programs or otherwise attending classes in the University's Rousso Building or on Einstein's campus
 - Wurzweiler School students in on-campus programs
 - Stern College undergraduate education majors
- International students who have received a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized for use in the United States will be managed on a case-by-case basis. They should contact CovidStudentLine@yu.edu for assistance. Unvaccinated international students should also contact CovidStudentLine@yu.edu for assistance in becoming fully-vaccinated promptly following arrival to the United States.

- Proof of vaccination means:
 - A completed CDC COVID-19 vaccination record card; or
 - Documentation signed by a healthcare provider licensed to practice medicine in the United States or a foreign country with the dates and name of the vaccine given; or
 - A NY Excelsior Pass; or
 - A Teudat Chisun from the Israeli Green Pass System or a completed Meuhedet Vaccination Certificate.

The proof should be sent by the student to CovidStudentLine@yu.edu at least two (2) weeks prior to arrival to campus.

- In general, students are exempt from having to be vaccinated and boosted (if applicable) if:
 - their entire course of study is entirely web-based, a fully-online degree program, and/or fully remote, without any clinical training component, **and**
 - they have no physical presence on campus for any reason (including never using the library), **and**
 - they do not have a YU Student ID Card.

- Exemptions may also be given on a case-by-case basis for medical or religious reasons. They are not automatically granted. Having had COVID-19 does not provide an exemption.
 - A (permanent or temporary) medical exemption may be given (i) if a student has a medical contraindication for COVID-19 vaccination and (ii) if failure to receive the vaccine does not prevent fulfillment of the essential functions and/or curricular requirements of the academic program, as determined by the University. Conditions comprising valid medical contraindications to vaccine administration include those set forth by the CDC. Such students must submit to VaccineExemptionRequest@yu.edu a written and signed/dated statement from a healthcare provider licensed to practice medicine in the United States or a foreign country stating that the vaccination is medically contraindicated, and giving the reasons for and duration of this contraindication. A signed/dated Student Acknowledgement for Exemption must also be submitted. When a medical contraindication no longer exists, the exemption is terminated and the student must then comply with this policy. Medical exemptions generally will be reviewed on an annual basis.

 - A religious exemption also may be given (i) if the University determines that the vaccination conflicts with a student's genuine and sincere religious beliefs or practices, and (ii) if failure to receive this vaccination does not prevent fulfillment of the essential functions and/or curricular requirements of the academic program as determined by the University. A general philosophical or moral objection to vaccination will not be enough to serve as the basis for exemption on religious grounds. Such students must submit to VaccineExemptionRequest@yu.edu a written and signed/dated statement explaining how the vaccination conflicts with

the student's bona fide religious beliefs or practices and acknowledging that the student was informed of the value of vaccination and has knowingly declined to receive the vaccination for religious reasons. A signed/dated Student Acknowledgement for Exemption must also be submitted. The University may require additional supporting documentation and a personal meeting with the student. When a conflict with one's religious beliefs no longer exists, the exemption is terminated and the student must then comply with this policy. Religious exemptions generally will be reviewed on an annual basis.

- The University will review and consider such exemption requests, and notify the requesting student of its decision.

The University reserves the right to change this policy, including due to the progress of the COVID-19 pandemic and guidance from governmental authorities.

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