



Student Immunization Policy - COVID-19

Note that this policy is subject to change in accordance with state and federal guidance.

Union College, in accordance with this Policy, will require full vaccination for students enrolled in coursework, research, or other College sponsored activities.

A. Purpose of Policy

Union College has created a vaccination requirement in order to protect the health and safety of our community; and to enable students to fully engage in various aspects of College life more than they have since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Union College will continue to make safety a primary consideration in its decision-making and to rely on the most up-to-date scientific information available to make informed decisions about its operations. As is the case with all vaccination requirements for students, students may request religious or medical exemptions from the COVID-19 vaccination requirements in accordance with the provisions set forth below in paragraph E.

B. To Whom the Policy Applies:

This policy, effective July 1, 2021, applies to all students participating in coursework, research, student employment or related College activities.

C. Policy Statement:

To comply with this Policy's requirements, students should provide the College with a copy of their vaccination card by uploading an image or a pdf of their vaccination card on the emocha app. Incoming students should upload an image or pdf of their vaccination record through the student health portal [Student Health Portal](#). Union College Health Services will include this information in the student's medical record, which will be subject to existing confidentiality protections.

D. Compliance Deadline:

1. The College must receive a copy of a student's vaccination card or request for exemption before engaging with campus. Engaging with campus includes anyone who is living, working, studying or on campus for any other reason after this date.

a. The College will consider state and [federal guidance](#) when making decisions about vaccines obtained abroad. Please contact uhealthcenter@union.edu with questions or for more detailed guidance.

2. Any student who fails to comply with this Policy will be de-enrolled from classes, precluded from participating in programs, and disallowed from participating in other College-sponsored activities. Any such student will be prohibited from entering any campus

building or facility, including visiting or residing in College residence halls, until they comply with the vaccine requirement.

E. Exemptions to Immunization Requirement:

1. The exemptions to Section C requirements concerning immunization are:
 - a. If a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner certifies that immunization is detrimental to the student's health or otherwise medically contraindicated; OR
 - b. If immunization is contrary to the student's documented genuine and sincere religious beliefs. Students who would like religious exemption must complete [this document](#) and submit it to Union College Health Services.
2. Requests for exemptions shall be made to:

Union College Health Services
Wicker Wellness Center
Office: 518-388-6120
Email: uchealthcenter@union.edu

F. Procedures in the Event of Failure to Comply:

The Vice President for Student Affairs, or designee, will send to each student registered to take courses, conduct research, or engage in any other College-sponsored activity, who is not in compliance with any aspect of this Policy, instructions necessary to come into compliance. Any questions about this policy or procedures should be addressed to:

Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Office
Office: 518-388-6116
Email: Dos_office@union.edu

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