

Saint Joseph's College
Health and Wellness Center
Student COVID-19 Vaccine Protocol
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Starting fall 2021, Saint Joseph's College is requiring all students attending classes in person to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Getting vaccinated is the best way to keep our community safe, reduce transmission of COVID-19, and minimize the likelihood of outbreaks on our campus.

This protocol will be in effect for the duration of the 2021-22 academic year. Here are details on the student vaccine protocol:

What is the Saint Joseph's College definition of fully vaccinated?

Individuals are considered fully vaccinated:

1. Two weeks after receiving the second dose in a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or two weeks after receiving a single dose COVID-19 vaccine.
2. A booster shot 6 months following the second dose in a two COVID-19 vaccine series or 2 months after receiving a single dose COVID-19 vaccine.

Who is required to get a vaccine?

Any student living and/or learning on the Saint Joseph's College campus.

When do students need to get a vaccine?

Students must provide proof they have had both doses of a two dose COVID-19 vaccine or 1 dose of a single dose COVID-19 vaccine before attending their first in-person class.

When do students need to get a COVID-19 booster shot?

Students need to receive a booster 6 months following the second dose in a two COVID-19 vaccine series or 2 months after receiving a single dose COVID-19 vaccine.

Which vaccines are accepted?

Johnson and Johnson, Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines are accepted. International students may also provide proof of vaccination with a vaccine approved for use by the World Health Organization (WHO) [Emergency Use Listing](#).

Does the protocol apply to students studying remotely?

No. Students who are fully remote and will not be on or in campus grounds or buildings for any purpose will not need proof of vaccination.

Request for Exemption or Accommodation

Students may request a medical exemption from the vaccination protocol. Students seeking a medical exemption should contact the Health and Wellness Center for a medical exemption form.

Approval of exemption is not guaranteed. Saint Joseph's College will be following CDC guidelines in reviewing requests for exemptions.

Any student granted an exemption will be required to take weekly COVID tests at the Health and Wellness Center or provide test results to the Health Center from a qualified outside source and continue to mask indoors.

Saint Joseph's College will not consider student exemptions based on religious or philosophical beliefs.

What happens if a student does not submit proof of vaccinations in time?

Students who do not provide proof of vaccination within the 30 days of eligibility, will not be permitted to attend in-person classes, reside on campus, nor participate in student or campus activities, including participation on athletic teams or commencement activities.

Does the masking protocol remain in place?

We will keep our public indoor mask requirement in place until a) our county transmission levels are lowered to "Medium" status, or b) our campus community reaches an 85% fully vaccinated status.

How will the college manage the vaccine verification process?

Saint Joseph's College is currently tracking the vaccination status of students. It will use the same secure system in place to verify other vaccination requirements.