

COVID-19 Vaccination Program Policy FAQs

Does the policy apply to employees who work 100% remotely?

Yes, the policy was updated on 8/30/2021 to apply to all faculty, staff, trainees, residents, and students of WesternU. This is regardless of where they are located and whether they access campus or any other WesternU affiliated facilities.

Does the policy apply to students in 100% remote programs?

Yes, the policy was updated on 8/30/2021 to apply to all faculty, staff, trainees, residents, and students of WesternU. This is regardless of where they are located and whether they access campus or any other WesternU affiliated facilities.

If I only receive one dose in a two dose COVID-19 vaccination series by the September 15th deadline, will I be able to continue working or learning until my second dose is received?

Yes, if you receive at least one dose in a COVID-19 vaccine series by the deadline (September 15th at 5pm), you must submit proof of this dose to stu-emphealth@westernu.edu to remain in compliance with the policy. You will then be expected to submit your second dose within the recommended dosage period (21 days for Pfizer or 28 days for Moderna). You also have the option to receive the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which only requires one dose.

I am concerned with sending my personal information via email.

You can remove your date of birth and email your vaccine record via encrypted email. There is also the option to send it to our secured fax of 909-706-3785.

Does the policy apply to booster doses?

In light of the evolving events around COVID-19, the University will continue to monitor federal, state, and local regulations in regard to COVID-19 vaccine guidance and additional COVID-19 prevention measures, including recommendations for booster vaccinations.

At this time, you are considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 two weeks after:

- You received a Johnson & Johnson (J&J)/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine, or
- You received a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, that is now fully approved by the FDA, or
- You received a second dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, or
- You finished the series of COVID-19 vaccine that has been listed for emergency use by the World Health Organization (WHO).

If recommendations from CDC change the definition of a fully vaccinated individual to include additional doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, the policy will be reviewed and updated as applicable.

I recently had COVID-19, am I able to still receive the vaccine?

Yes, you should be vaccinated regardless of whether you already had COVID-19 because:

- Research has not yet shown how long you are protected from getting COVID-19 again after you recover from COVID-19.
- Vaccination helps protect you even if you've already had COVID-19.

You only need to wait until your isolation period has ended after COVID-19 infection to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

From the CDC:

People with COVID-19 who have symptoms should wait to be vaccinated until they have recovered from their illness and have met the criteria for discontinuing isolation; those without symptoms should also wait until they meet the criteria before getting vaccinated. This guidance also applies to people who get COVID-19 before getting their second dose of vaccine.

If you were treated for COVID-19 with monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma, you should wait 90 days before getting a COVID-19 vaccine. Talk to your doctor if you are unsure what treatments you received or if you have more questions about getting a COVID-19 vaccine. **You will also need to submit a temporary Medical Exemption Form from your healthcare provider.**

More information can be found on the [CDC COVID-19 Vaccination page](#).