



## COVID-19 Vaccination Protocol

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*The University has adopted this protocol to comply with applicable state and local public health orders and to be consistent with applicable federal and state guidance. The Provost's Office may issue updated protocols, which become effective upon adoption, to respond to changes in state and local public health orders, to be consistent with new federal and state guidance, and/or to adapt to changing conditions on campus. Please watch for updates to these protocols and regularly check the [DU COVID-19 website](#) for news and other important information.*

### University of Denver COVID-19 Vaccination Protocol

The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) and the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) strongly support requiring full vaccination of students against COVID-19 before returning to in-person learning and on-campus activities. Consistent with this recommendation, and in consultation with its health partner, National Jewish Health, as of fall term 2020, the University of Denver (DU) requires students, faculty and staff who are living, learning or working in person to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before returning to campus. This requirement applies to individuals who are studying or working in person as part of their DU role, even if the in-person activity does not occur on campus (e.g., study abroad, other off-campus programs, or conducting DU business in other locations). As we prepare for winter/spring term return, we have implemented a vaccine booster requirement, detailed below.

#### Vaccination Status and Related Requirements

As of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, for purposes of DU's vaccination requirement, "fully vaccinated" means two weeks have passed since an individual who meets the criteria for booster eligibility (as set forth below) has received a booster dose (as described below) for a one-dose vaccine or a two-dose vaccine.

Individuals who are fully vaccinated:

- are permitted to test at a reduced frequency, as set forth in DU's [COVID-19 Mandatory Testing Protocol](#);
- must follow the applicable requirements for fully-vaccinated individuals in DU's [COVID-19 Protocol for Face Coverings and Social Distancing](#);
- are not required to quarantine following travel or exposure so long as they remain asymptomatic, as set forth in DU's [COVID-19 Plan for Managing Reduced Quarantine Periods](#).

Individuals who are not fully vaccinated must:

- complete the symptom monitoring survey daily as set forth in DU's COVID-19 Symptom [Monitoring Protocol](#);
- wear face coverings at all times and social distance where feasible, as set forth in DU's [COVID-19 Protocol for Face Coverings and Social Distancing](#);
- test more frequently, as set forth in DU's [COVID-19 Mandatory Testing Protocol](#);
- quarantine following travel or exposure, as set forth in DU's [COVID-19 Plan for Managing Reduced Quarantine](#);
- not travel internationally for any University-related purpose, including study abroad and University business, as set forth in DU's [COVID-19 International Travel Policy](#); -
- not participate in-person in internships, field placement, service-learning or clinics as part of their DU role, as stated in DU's [COVID-19 Internship, Field Placement and Service-Learning Protocol](#) or DU's [COVID-19 Protocol for Campus Clinics](#), as applicable.

#### Booster Dose

- The booster for Pfizer/Moderna is an additional dose for those individuals who previously completed the

recommended primary series of a COVID-19 vaccine. [For immunocompromised individuals](#), the recommended primary series may vary.

- Consistent with CDC guidance, DU recommends that individuals receive a booster dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine unless the individual cannot receive the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.
- DU will accept any FDA-Approved Vaccine or FDA-Authorized Vaccine (as defined below) as the booster dose to meet the full vaccination requirement.

### Booster Eligibility

- As of December 2021, the CDC has established the following eligibility criteria [for booster vaccines](#):
  - Individuals who are 18 years of age or older are eligible to receive a booster dose:
    - Six months following the primary series of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or
    - Two months following a dose of the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine.
  - Individuals who are 16 or 17 years of age are eligible to receive a booster dose six months after receiving the second dose of the Pfizer vaccine.
- Individuals who have received a vaccine that is not an FDA-Approved Vaccine or an FDA-Authorized Vaccine are eligible to receive a booster of Pfizer six months after the final dose of the original vaccine series.
- Individuals who have received two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine, but who do not currently meet the eligibility criteria for a booster vaccine, should (1) wait until they are eligible; and (2) receive their booster dose within 14 days of becoming eligible. DU will consider such individuals to be compliant with the full vaccination requirement in the meantime.

### Vaccine Types

- [FDA-Approved Vaccines](#) -- As of August 23, 2021, the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the Pfizer vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 in individuals 16 years of age and older.
- [FDA-Authorized Vaccines](#) – As of December 2021, the FDA has authorized the following vaccines for emergency use for certain individuals:
  - [Pfizer](#)
    - as a two-dose primary series for individuals 5 years of age and older;
    - as a third primary series dose for certain immunocompromised individuals 12 years of age and older;
    - as a single booster dose for individuals 16 years of age and older at least six months after completing a primary series of the vaccine;
    - as a mix and match single booster dose for individuals 18 years of age and older after completion of a primary vaccination with a different available COVID-19 vaccine; and
    - as an additional primary series dose or as a booster dose in certain individuals who completed vaccination with certain non-FDA Authorized or non-FDA Approved vaccines.
  - [Moderna](#)
    - as a two-dose primary series for individuals 18 years of age and older;
    - as a third primary series dose for certain immunocompromised individuals 18 years of age and older;
    - as a single booster dose for individuals 18 years of age and older at least six months after completing a primary series of the vaccine; and
    - as a mix and match single booster dose for individuals 18 years of age and older after completion of a primary vaccination with a different available COVID-19 vaccine.
  - [Johnson & Johnson/Janssen](#)
    - as a single-dose primary vaccination for individuals 18 years of age and older;
    - as a single booster dose for individuals 18 years of age and older at least two months after completing a primary vaccination with the vaccine; and
    - as a mix and match single booster dose for individuals 18 years of age and older after completion of a primary vaccination with a different available COVID-19 vaccine.

- WHO-Listed Vaccines – As of December 2021, the [World Health Organization \(WHO\) has listed](#) the following vaccines for emergency use for certain individuals:
  - AstraZeneca-Oxford COVID-19 Vaccine (e.g., [ChAdOx1-S (recombinant)], AZD1222, Covishield, Vaxzevria)
    - as a two-dose primary series for individuals 18 years of age and older given 17 days apart;
  - Sinopharm-BIBP COVID-19 Vaccine
    - as a two-dose primary series for individuals 18 years of age and older given three weeks apart;
  - Sinovac-CoronaVac COVID-19 Vaccine
    - as a two-dose primary series for individuals 18 years of age and older given 14 days apart;
  - Bharat Biotech International COVID-19 Vaccine (e.g., BBV152, COVAXIN)
    - as a two-dose primary series for individuals 18 years of age and older given 28 days apart;
  - Novovax (Covovax COVID-19 Vaccine)
    - as a two-dose primary series for individuals 18 years of age and older given 21 days apart;

Individuals who did not receive both doses of the two-dose primary series of a WHO-Listed Vaccine should, following CDC guidance, complete a two-dose series of the Pfizer vaccine.

- Vaccines that are Not FDA-Authorized, FDA-Approved, or WHO-Listed -- Individuals with a verified record for a vaccine that is not a FDA-Authorized Vaccine, FDA-Approved Vaccine, or WHO-Listed Vaccine are considered not fully vaccinated. Following CDC guidance, such individuals should complete a two-dose series of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine 28 days following their final dose of the vaccine that is not a FDA-Authorized Vaccine, FDA-Approved Vaccine, or WHO-Listed Vaccine.

## Providing Proof of Vaccination

1. To be considered fully vaccinated, an individual must upload a photograph of their complete vaccine card, including the booster dose, to the MyHealth portal. The photograph must include the individual's name and date of birth and must clearly identify the type of vaccine, the dates of vaccination, and the vaccine provider. The Health & Counseling Center (HCC) will review uploaded vaccine records, send a confirmation message to the individual, and for approved vaccine records, update the individual's vaccination status on the campus access portal to "vaccinated." For instructions regarding uploading proof of vaccination, please see the [HCC's COVID-19 Vaccination website](#).

## Exemptions from COVID-19 Vaccination

When DU announced the COVID-19 vaccination requirement, DU established a process to consider requests for certain limited exemptions to the vaccination requirement for medical and non-medical reasons. DU may reconsider the availability of certain exemptions based on changing conditions on campus, in the surrounding community, or the state; changes to public health guidance; and/or developments related to the COVID-19 vaccines. To submit an exemption request, an individual must follow the directions on the [HCC's COVID-19 Vaccination website](#). HCC will review uploaded exemption requests, send a confirmation message to the individual, and for approved exemption requests, update the individual's vaccination status on the campus access portal to "exempt."

Individuals who already have vaccine exemptions approved through the HCC process are not required to file additional paperwork to be exempted from the booster requirement.

However, individuals who have received at least one dose of a vaccine and are eligible for a booster dose, but who are unable to receive a booster dose will need to file a request for a medical exemption indicating the reason for seeking a medical exemption from the booster requirement. Please note that DU will not consider requests for non-medical exemptions for booster doses.

Individuals with an exemption approved through the HCC process from the vaccine requirement or from the booster requirement will be considered not fully vaccinated.