



COVID-19 Vaccination Booster Guidelines

In support of Salus University's commitment to health and safety for all members of its community, the Salus Safety Strategy included a requirement for all students, faculty and staff to obtain an FDA-approved (or foreign equivalent for non-US residents) COVID-19 vaccination by August 13, 2021.

As the COVID-19 virus continues to mutate and new variants are identified public health experts are starting to see reduced protections against mild and moderate disease. The CDC is now recommending COVID-19 booster shots for all adults.

Accordingly, the University is updating the Salus Safety Strategy to include a requirement for all students, faculty and staff to obtain an FDA-approved (or foreign equivalent for non-US residents) COVID-19 booster vaccination by February 13, 2022 (or such later date that an individual first becomes eligible for a booster vaccination – i.e., six months after having received the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine).

Receiving your COVID-19 booster vaccination will help protect you and the entire University community from the virus. A safer Salus community supports a safer environment for our patients, colleagues, families, friends, and our neighbors across the region.

Vaccination Status. Students will utilize the CastleBranch credentialing system and faculty and staff will continue to use the [Salus website](#) to self-report their vaccination booster status.

Medical/Religious Exemptions. Previously granted exemptions from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement will apply to the booster requirement. Any new requests for exemption are to be submitted by email to the Pandemic Safety Officer at bzuckerman@salus.edu. Requests for medical exemptions must be accompanied by documentation from the individual's health care provider. Requests for a religious exemption must specify the individuals sincerely held religious belief, practice, or observance that prevents them from receiving the vaccine and be accompanied by a documentation from the individual's religious officiant.

Non-vaccinated/non-boosted individuals (including exemptions). These individuals will continue to be required to submit a negative COVID-19 test (molecular (PCR) or antigen tests, including FDA-approved at-home tests, are acceptable) weekly. Evidence of a negative test, administered within 72 hours of submission, must be submitted each Thursday by 5pm for access the coming week (Monday through Sunday). Negative test results should be submitted via email (students to covidtesting@salus.edu; faculty and staff to mkeen@salus.edu). Positive test results should be directed to the Pandemic Safety Officer (bzuckerman@salus.edu) for isolation instructions.

For non-exempted individuals, testing is at your expense. The university will cover the testing expense for exempted individuals. Exempted students should email covidtesting@salus.edu for reimbursement. Exempted faculty and staff should email mkeen@salus.edu for reimbursement.

Regardless of vaccination status, all individuals are required to be masked when on campus or in clinic.