

Student-Specific COVID-19 FAQs: FALL22/WIN23

Can I attend New Student Orientation if I haven't been vaccinated yet?

Yes. Graduate students should consult with your program for details.

Is the COVID-19 requirement the same as the Tri-Campus Immunity Verification Program (IVP)?

No. The COVID vaccine requirement is separate from the Immunity Verification Program (IVP) for measles, mumps and meningococcal vaccines, even though both requirements have some similarities. New undergraduate and graduate students still need to complete the more complex IVP requirement as soon as possible; don't wait to combine it with the COVID vaccine requirement.

NOTE: The process to declare an exemption from the COVID-19 vaccine requirement is different from the process to declare an exemption from the Tri-Campus Immunization Verification Requirement.

I already got sick with COVID-19 or had a COVID-19 antibody test that was positive. Do I still need the primary COVID-19 vaccination series (usually 2-part)?

Yes. Whether you had a COVID-19 illness that was diagnosed with a COVID-19 test (either the antibody or antigen test) or was diagnosed based on symptoms, getting the COVID-19 vaccine is still required. Antibodies developed from exposure or the disease are not necessarily long-lasting.

I am enrolled in an off-campus program. Why do I need to meet the vaccine requirement?

The uniformity of the requirement ensures maximum protection for everyone since students enrolled in off-campus programs may still come onto campus.

I got a COVID-19 primary vaccine series outside of the US. Do I need to be revaccinated in the US?

- A person who has been fully vaccinated with a WHO (World Health Organization) or FDA-approved COVID vaccine does not require further vaccination.
- For a person only partially vaccinated in another country with a WHO-approved vaccine, the vaccine series should be completed once in the US.
- If a person has been partially or fully vaccinated with a vaccine not on the current WHO-approved list, they should be fully vaccinated using a vaccine available in the US.
- Some people who got fully vaccinated with a WHO-approved vaccine not available in the US have expressed interest in getting re-vaccinated with a US vaccine. This is not recommended.

Should I wait to get a COVID-19 vaccine until I'm back to campus?

No. Everyone is encouraged to get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as they can, in whatever state or country they are in now. The risk of getting COVID-19 outweighs any reason to wait. All vaccines are accepted if authorized by the FDA or WHO.

What if I can't get vaccinated in my current location?

Students who haven't yet been vaccinated will have opportunities to do so when they get back to campus. Many clinics and pharmacies in Seattle and Washington offer COVID-19 vaccines:

<https://vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov>

For sites in other states, see: <https://vaccines.gov>

[Hall Health Center](#) on the Seattle campus has vaccine appointments for its patients. UW sometimes holds "pop-up" mass vaccination events on campus for students and employees; keep posted for updates.

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What identification is needed for international students to get a COVID-19 vaccine in the US?

Everyone – domestic or nondomestic – is encouraged to get a COVID-19 vaccine. Toward this goal, no student needs to provide a social security number, visa, proof of citizenship, etc., to get vaccinated.

I will be quarantining upon arrival to the US from overseas because I have not been vaccinated yet. Should I get my first vaccination in the US before or after quarantining?

It is recommended to start getting vaccinated as soon as possible. This means starting vaccination at the start of quarantining. Wear a face covering to the site where you are getting vaccinated.

Additional questions about the student COVID-19 vaccine requirement?

See: <https://www.washington.edu/coronavirus/2022/10/31/uw-covid-19-vaccination-requirement-to-continue> or <https://www.washington.edu/coronavirus> or call Hall Health at 206-685-1011.