

Student-Specific FAQs

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

Yes. The 2021 Advising and Orientation sessions for undergraduates will be held remotely. 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 COVID-19 vaccination?

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, it is still recommended to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Same if you had a COVID-19 antibody test that was positive. It isn't yet clear whether antibodies developed from exposure or the disease will be as effective or as long-lasting as the vaccine.

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. And meeting the requirements of the governor's proclamation for institutions of higher education allows the opening of campus and easing of restrictions.

I got a COVID-19 vaccine 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 with the same vaccine in the US if it is available. If the vaccine is not available here, they should be re-vaccinated with the full course of one of the vaccines available here.

-Mixing types of US vaccines is not recommended. If a person has been partially vaccinated with one type of US-approved vaccine, they should complete the series with the same type of vaccine. In Seattle there will be a number of sites offering the needed type of vaccine.

-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 here.

-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.

-Antibody testing in any of these situations is not advised.

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

No. Everyone is encouraged to get a COVID vaccine as soon as they can, in whatever state or country they are in now. The risk of getting COVID 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: vaccines.gov

[Hall Health Center](#) on Seattle campus will have a limited number of vaccine appointments for its patients. UW is exploring options for a few "pop-up" mass vaccination events on campus for students and employees close to the opening of fall quarter; keep posted for updates.

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

Everyone – domestic or nondomestic - is encouraged to get a COVID-19 vaccine. Toward this goal, all students do not need 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?

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