

MONTCLAIR KIMBERLEY ACADEMY

COVID-19 Student Vaccination Policy

Purpose

This Policy is adopted to promote the health and safety of the Montclair Kimberley Academy (“MKA”) community and to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among MKA students and staff, consistent with federal, state, and local efforts to minimize outbreaks of COVID-19.

Nothing in this Policy shall be construed to replace any COVID-19-related mandates imposed by Federal or State law, including, but not limited to Executive Order 251’s mask mandate for the 2021-2022 school year.

Requirements

All students aged sixteen (16) and older are required to provide proof of vaccination for COVID-19. Students who turn 16 during the 2021-2022 school year should plan to be vaccinated within 60 days of their birthday.

For purposes of this Policy, a student is considered vaccinated for COVID-19 two (2) or more weeks after receiving: (1) the second dose in a two-dose series; or (2) after receiving a single-dose vaccine. A student will only be considered fully vaccinated where he/she/they have received a COVID-19 vaccine that is currently approved or authorized for emergency use by the Food and Drug Administration or the World Health Organization.

Proof of vaccination status must be submitted either via your student’s Magnus Health Record, or emailed to covid19@mka.org no later than November 15, 2021. Proof of vaccination status may be demonstrated by presenting any of the following documents: (1) the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Card issued by the vaccination site, or an electronic or physical copy of the same; (2) an official record from the New Jersey Immunization Information System or other State immunization registry; (3) a record from a health care provider’s portal/medical record system on official letterhead signed by a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, physician’s assistant, registered nurse, or pharmacist; (4) a military immunization or health record from the United States Armed Forces; or (5) a docket mobile phone application record or any state specific application that produces a digital health record.

Any student who fails to comply with this Policy will be barred from attending or participating in on-campus academic, co-curricular, and extra-curricular programs and/or activities.

Students aged twelve (12) and older are required to provide proof of vaccination for COVID-19 by November 15, 2021 in order to participate in the winter athletics season. Students not complying with this Policy will not be able to participate in winter athletics, but will still be permitted to attend school and all other school activities.

Exemptions

Students in need of an exemption from this policy due to a medical reason or because of a sincerely held religious belief must submit a written request for an accommodation to covid19@mka.org. Students who receive an exemption from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement will be subject to additional restrictions and requirements to ensure the health and safety of the MKA community, including, but not limited to, weekly COVID-19 testing.