

MONTCLAIR KIMBERLY ACADEMY

COVID-19 Student Vaccination Policy

Updated – Effective January 26, 2022

Purpose

This Policy is adopted to promote the health and safety of the Montclair Kimberly 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 full vaccination for COVID-19.

For purposes of this Policy, a student is considered fully 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. Effective February 1, 2022, or as soon thereafter as a student becomes eligible, students over the age of 16 also will be required to receive a booster shot. Students turning 16 will have sixty (60) days to meet this requirement. 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.

As COVID-19 vaccinations for children under 16 years old become fully approved by the Food and Drug Administration, students in the applicable age group will be required to be vaccinated within ninety (90) days of this approval being issued and provide proof of vaccination for COVID-19.

When Are Students Eligible for a Booster?

- Six months after the second dose of an mRNA vaccine, including Pfizer and Moderna
- Two months after the single dose of J&J Janssen vaccine
- If you are not eligible to get a booster before February 1, 2022, you will have 30 days from the date that you become eligible to provide your vaccine booster information.
 - For example, a student who got the second dose of Moderna on August 15 would be eligible for a booster on February 15 and would need to get a booster and provide their vaccine information by March 17, 2022.
- People who are eligible for a booster and have recently tested positive for COVID-19 may delay getting a booster 90 days after the date of their positive PCR test, though they may choose to get a booster as soon as they complete their isolation period.

Please note: Anyone eligible for a booster may receive either the Moderna or Pfizer version, regardless of their original COVID-19 vaccine. “Third doses” of the vaccine for immunocompromised people will count as a booster for the purpose of this policy.

Proof of receipt of the booster must be submitted either via your student’s Magnus Health Record, or emailed to covid19@mka.org no later than February 1, 2022. 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

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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 in Grade 4 and above are required to provide proof of vaccination for COVID-19 in order to participate in athletics and overnight trips. MKA reserves the right to require a vaccination (including boosters) for certain activities (athletics, overnight trips, global travel, extra-curricular activities) based on a number of factors, including, but not limited to local area transmission rates, risks or logistical challenges associated with a specific activity, and public health department recommendations and mandates, and requirements set by outside organizations with which our students may be participating;

Students not complying with this Policy will not be able to participate in athletics, overnight trips, performing in plays, music performances, singing and any other activity where masks are not worn.

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 their Campus Head. Exemptions are not guaranteed but all requests will be considered by the School. The School reserves the right to seek additional information and require the student to produce supporting documents. Students who receive an exemption from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement may be subject to additional restrictions and requirements to ensure the health and safety of the MKA community.