

COVID-19 Update

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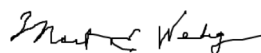
Dear Members of the Aquinas Community,

As we prepare for the beginning of the next academic year, I would like to share with you the COVID related protocols that will be in place at Aquinas Institute of Theology as of August 15, 2022. These protocols are not only the result of serious reflection on the part of the Administration, they are also in keeping with the vaccine policy at Saint Louis University, with whom we frequently share on- and off-campus space, resources and cross-registration.

All on-campus students, faculty and staff members will be required to be fully vaccinated before August 15th with proof of vaccination needed by August 22, 2022. An on-campus student includes any student who attends a class on site at Aquinas Institute, including a cohort student who attends a course intensive on Aquinas Institute's campus. For those who have not yet been vaccinated, this will require the receipt of two vaccinations over a period of several weeks. For this reason, we would ask that you proceed immediately in obtaining these. Student procedures for proof of vaccination follow below.

An exemption from this mandate may be granted on the grounds of medical circumstances or religious beliefs. Aquinas Institute will work closely with and accommodate any person seeking an exemption for either of these reasons. Those who receive a medical or religious exemption will be required to wear a mask while they are inside the Aquinas Institute building. They may also be asked to undergo COVID-19 testing. Those seeking an exemption for reasons of a medical condition or religious belief must do so no later than Monday, August 2nd, by writing to Academic Dean Fr. Michael Mascari, OP, at mascari@ai.edu.

Yours in Christ and St. Dominic,



Fr. Mark E. Wedig, OP

Please direct questions or requests for information to the
Office of the President at President@ai.edu

Vaccination Requirement and Verification

If you are a **staff** or **faculty member**, we will provide instructions for submitting proof of vaccination by email.

If you are a **student**, please follow these instructions:

- Take a photo of the front of your vaccination card on your cell phone or scan your vaccination card onto your computer.
- Log into Populi and go to "My Courses."
- Choose "VACD100 Vaccination Verification."
- Select "Assignments" from the menu on the left.
- Click "Verification of COVID-19 Vaccination."
- Under "Submissions," click on the shaded box to upload the scan or photo of your vaccination card. The name of the file will now appear under Submissions.
- You have now completed the verification process. Following these steps will add this information to your Populi record. This information will be available only to you and a few select administrative staff, but will otherwise be kept completely confidential.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. ROMANS 8:38-39