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Vaccination Booster Requirement

Information

All students, faculty, and staff must have completed their primary vaccinations and COVID-19 boosters if eligible. Please email all updated COVID-19 vaccination records to healthservices@fisher.edu. Medical or religious exemptions can be requested on the appropriate Exemption Form.

**Primary vaccination** – refers to having had either 2 Moderna, 2 Pfizer or 1 Johnson & Johnson vaccine approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The college will also accept vaccines approved by the [World Health Organization](https://www.who.int) (WHO), and vaccines approved by the [European Medicines Agency](https://www.ema.europa.eu).

**Up-to-date vaccination** – means you have received all doses in the primary series and all boosters recommended for you, when eligible.

**Return-to-campus testing protocol** - Upon arrival, all community members regardless of vaccination status will receive a rapid test to self-administer. If the test is positive, community members will start isolation per College protocol.
Vaccination Booster Requirement

Information

Baseline testing will be offered on August 31st, September 1st, and September 2nd at the Health Service Office at 104 Beacon Street (across from the dining hall). Testing will also be available on September 3rd through September 7th at the Student Center located at 133 Beacon Street.

Fisher community members experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms should not return to campus. Please contact Szilvia Vanderberg RN of Health Services at healthservices@fisher.edu.

Testing protocol during the school year – Testing will be offered in the Health Services Office. Testing is required if you are symptomatic, if you are a close contact, or if you are an athlete and need to be tested per National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) protocols.

Isolation and quarantine protocols – Fisher College is following the guidelines of the CDC and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Isolation and Quarantine rooms are available on campus. Please note that availability is limited.

Isolation protocol
If tested positive (with a rapid test or a PCR test), isolation begins. Five days of isolation are required. (Day 0 is the test date or the symptom start date). Isolation ends if after day 5 symptoms improve and there is no fever present in the previous 24 hours. (A negative antigen test is also required to come out of isolation). If the antigen test is positive another two days of isolation are required, followed by a re-test. Following release from isolation, a well-fitting mask must be worn for an additional five days.

Quarantine protocols
No quarantine: If UP TO DATE with COVID-19 vaccine, or have been diagnosed with COVID -19 in the past 90 days and are symptom free no quarantine is necessary. A well-fitting mask must be worn for an additional ten days. Quarantine: If NOT UP TO DATE with COVID-19 vaccine, a minimum of five days of quarantine will be required (the day of last contact is day 0). A well-fitting mask must be worn for an additional five days after quarantine. For both non-quarantined and quarantined populations, a PCR test will be administered on day 5.

Face coverings - Face covering while not required, are recommended for individuals (or anyone in their households) who have a weakened immune system (or an increased risk for severe illness. Face coverings are required when entering Health Services. We ask for tolerance and respect for the individual preference for masking.

Daily symptom checking - Students are encouraged per CDC guidelines to perform daily checks for COVID-19 symptoms. Should symptoms appear, please call (617-236-8860) or email healthservices@fisher.edu.
Hygiene Protocols

**Cleaning and Disinfecting**

The College cleaning and disinfecting protocols are based on best practices and air quality management.

Disinfectant wipes will be available throughout college buildings. Students will be instructed to use hand sanitizer prior to entering a classroom and to utilize disinfectant wipes to clean their individual work areas before class.

**Hand Washing and Sanitizing**

Proper hygiene and handwashing are critical to our safety plan. Throughout College buildings hand sanitizers have been installed. Signage encouraging frequent hand washing and or sanitizing has been placed throughout the campus buildings and common spaces.
Life on Campus

**Student Housing Assignments**

Housing options will be offered to all interested students planning to reside on campus for Fall 2022. The College will assign rooms to full capacity (double (2 students), triple (3 students), quad (4 students).

The College reserves the right to change a room assignment at any time. The College can also reassign College-leased off-campus housing to students. Students who are assigned to off campus College-leased housing must comply with guidelines for on-campus facilities and any additional requirements stipulated by the third-party property owner.

**Risk and Options**

Even with these mitigation measures and students’ full compliance with the guidance provided in this document, it is unfortunately not possible to completely eliminate the risk of COVID-19 infection on campus. It is likely that there will be cases of COVID-19 on campus during spring semester. It is possible that students may become ill and spread the disease to others in their residential cohorts, in their classes, and others on campus. It is also likely that some students will become infected at Fisher and spread it to family members and any other people they have close contact with outside of Fisher.

Each student should think carefully about their personal health and their tolerance for risk. Fisher encourages students to consult with their physician, family, and others important to them in making the decision about participation in the Fall 2022 term.

Due to the ever-changing landscape of COVID-19 and new variants policies are subject to change.
The College will notify the community of any updates as they arrive. Please refer to the Fisher’s website to review these important notifications as they come. Thank you!

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