



Presidential Policy Memorandum No. 320

To: Virginia Tech Students
From: Timothy D. Sands
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Subject: Student COVID-19 Protocols

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 environment, Virginia Tech remains committed to ensuring our students can fully experience in-person instruction, programs, and services. Our operating policies, procedures, and practices continue to be informed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), our own public health experts and COVID modeling team, and state and federal regulations.

The purpose of this Presidential Policy Memorandum is to affirm that the Spring 2022 vaccination, booster, and testing program for students remains in effect. As communicated on June 8, 2021, COVID-19 vaccinations are required for all students who do not receive an exemption. Students were required to have uploaded their vaccination cards by August 6, 2021. Effective December 28, 2021, the university is also requiring that students upload verification of a COVID-19 booster shot within 14 days of eligibility.

Any student who is not fully vaccinated and boosted by their date of eligibility is required to participate in a surveillance testing program, which includes mandatory testing at an initial frequency of at least once a week. These requirements are a condition to be part of the university community and impact the ability to live, learn, and work in any university-owned or -leased facility. Any student who is unvaccinated and fails to participate in the mandatory testing program and/or wear a face covering may be excluded from campus or participation in in-person activities until there is a demonstrated, sustained, and continued reduction in transmission of COVID.

Procedures remain in place for students to request medical and religious exemptions. Those with approved existing exemptions do not need to request an exemption for the booster requirement. Students who are not in compliance with any of these requirements will be subject to the policies outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

Schiffert Health Center recommends waiting 60-90 days after a positive COVID-19 test before receiving a vaccine or booster. Compliance with the university booster requirement is 90 days plus two weeks from the date of testing positive.

Unvaccinated students will continue to be tested weekly. Additionally, during the Spring 2022 semester, the university will conduct limited surveillance testing of vaccinated students. Those with updated vaccination records, including a booster, will be exempt.

Masking requirements remain in place for the university community.

With the approval of this Presidential Policy Memorandum (PPM), PPM 318 (January 3, 2022) will be superseded and retired.

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