

Student Vaccine Requirement FAQs

Are all students required to receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

All students who plan to live on campus during the 2022-2023 academic year are required to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and are strongly recommended to receive appropriate boosters unless they have been granted an exemption through the Wellness Center for medical or religious reasons.

Why is Dickinson adding this new vaccine requirement?

Pre-arrival vaccination requirements for students attending colleges and universities in the U.S. are not new and Dickinson requires many other immunizations for students (specific information about these requirements can be found [here](#)). As with our other immunization requirements, the COVID-19 vaccine is being required to protect the public health of Dickinson students and employees, as well as members of the Carlisle community.

Vaccination is a primary strategy for advancing campus health by preventing outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases.

Why require the COVID-19 vaccine if most of our students are relatively healthy and are not at high risk for developing severe symptoms of COVID-19?

Although it is common for the public to view U.S. colleges and universities as a population of healthy 18–23-year-old students, many faculty and staff members, and some students, are in higher risk groups and may have health issues that put them at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness and complications. In addition, long-standing health inequities in our nation have placed many of our college community members of color at a higher risk of COVID-related morbidity and mortality.

What if a student has received a COVID-19 vaccine that has not been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA)?

If a student has received a COVID-19 vaccine that is not approved for use in the United States, Dickinson will still consider the student to be fully vaccinated if the vaccine they received has been approved by the World Health Organization (even if it is not FDA-approved).

What other COVID 19 related restrictions will be in place for the 2022-2023 year.

Plans for the 2022-2023 semester are still in the process of being developed.