
From: Student Affairs
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Subject: ALERT: COVID-19 VACCINE Information for Fall 2021

Greetings Otis College Owls,

We are excited to welcome you back on campus for the Fall 2021 semester. For more information about Fall reopening, check out this article on the Otis [site](#).

With the COVID-19 vaccine more readily available, Otis College will **require** all students to receive one of the government-approved COVID-19 vaccines before their arrival on campus.

Q: How do I show proof of my covid-19 vaccine?

- A copy of your COVID-19 vaccine card should be either emailed to studenthealth@otis.edu or uploaded to your OwlCare Portal.

Q: Can I be exempt from receiving the COVID-19 Vaccine?

- We are accepting medical, religious and philosophical exemptions to the COVID-19 vaccine requirement. For more information and exemption forms, please visit this [website](#).

Q: What does it mean if I choose not to receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

- Students who choose not to be vaccinated will have access to everything that vaccinated students have. No activities, dining options, or classes will be closed off to students who are not vaccinated.
- Students who are unvaccinated will need to complete the daily screening using the CoVerified App when coming onto campus. The CoVerified app is a COVID-19 symptom app that can be downloaded to your phone. This will help screen students for any symptoms of COVID-19 and will restrict anyone from coming onto campus if they have any COVID-19 symptoms. Unvaccinated students need to begin to use the CoVerified app beginning Monday, August 30th
- In addition, unvaccinated students will be required to participate in weekly surveillance COVID-19 testing. Additional details will be e-mailed in early August to students who need surveillance testing. All testing will take place in the SHWC.
- If there is an outbreak on campus, unvaccinated, non-housing students will be asked to leave campus and return when told it is safe to return. Those who are asked to leave campus will have virtual access to their classes.
- If an unvaccinated student live in Otis housing, they will be asked to isolate in a designated isolation room until told that it is safe. These students will also have virtual access to their classes.

Q: What is surveillance COVID-19 testing?

- “Surveillance” testing refers to regular testing for individuals who are not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms. Surveillance testing will be provided to all unvaccinated students and is an added measure to minimizing the spread of COVID-19. There will be no added cost for surveillance testing.

Q: Do I need to Quarantine when I come to Otis if I'm *fully vaccinated*?

- For students who are fully vaccinated, regardless if you live out-of-state or from another Country, you do not need to quarantine upon your arrival to Otis College.

Q: Do I need to Quarantine when I come to Otis if I'm *not fully vaccinated*?

- Yes, you will need to quarantine based on the LA County Travel guidelines, which can be found [here](#). These guidelines continually change and we encourage you to check this site regularly, as it may impact your travel plans. As of April 11th, the guidelines recommend:
 - All unvaccinated travelers coming into LA County will need to:
 - Quarantine for a full 7 days after traveling AND get a negative COVID-19 viral test (swab or saliva) result from a specimen collected on days 3-5 after your arrival.
 - Quarantine for a full 10 days after traveling if you do not get tested with a COVID-19 viral test after your arrival
 - Continue to monitor yourself for any symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days after your arrival AND avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness. Immediately isolate and notify the SHWC or your medical provider if you develop any symptoms.

Q: What does it mean to be fully vaccinated?

- People are considered fully vaccinated:
 - 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
 - 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

Q: Are you accepting COVID-19 vaccines from other countries?

- At this time, we are accepting vaccines from other countries. We will be following the approved vaccine list from the World Health Organization (WHO). The approved vaccine list from the WHO can be reviewed [here](#).

Q: I want to get vaccinated, but I am having trouble getting vaccinated in my current location. Will I be able to get the vaccine on campus?

- Yes, we will be holding various COVID-19 vaccine clinics on-campus throughout the summer and the start of Fall 2021. Please check your Otis email regularly for any emails from the SHWC regarding upcoming vaccine clinic dates and times.

Q: When is the COVID-19 vaccine documentation due?

- Documentation that you have received the COVID-19 vaccine or have an exemption to the vaccine is due by **August 15th**.

We look forward to welcoming you all in the Fall!

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