

Berkeley College Vaccination Policy for Students

Purpose

Berkeley College holds as paramount the health and safety of every member of its community. Maintaining a safe workplace is a shared responsibility. The purpose of this policy is to further the College's efforts to mitigate the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) exposure. All College students who are on-campus are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated for COVID-19.

Scope

This policy applies to all students.

Policy

All students are strongly encouraged to receive one of the COVID-19 vaccines authorized by the FDA. Individuals are generally considered **fully vaccinated** two weeks after receiving their second dose in a two-dose series (such as Pfizer or Moderna); or two weeks after receiving a single-dose vaccine (such as Johnson & Johnson Janssen). Berkeley reserves the right to request proof of vaccination at any time.

The College will provide information about the vaccine and locating vaccination sites.

All students must properly wear a mask or cloth face covering while inside any campus buildings or on any College shuttles with the exception of individuals who have obtained an approved exemption from the mask requirement. The process for seeking an accommodation is explained below.

Requests for Exemptions as Accommodations

To assist any student who declines a vaccination and has a qualifying medical condition that contradicts wearing a mask or cloth face covering, or who objects wearing a mask or cloth face covering on the basis of sincerely held religious beliefs and practices, Berkeley will engage in an interactive process to determine if a reasonable accommodation can be provided, so long as it does not create an undue hardship for the College and/or does not pose a direct threat to the health or safety of others on campus and/or to the student.

To request an accommodation for one of the above reasons, please submit a request to [Disability Services](#). Once the College is aware of the need for an accommodation, it will engage in an interactive process to identify possible accommodations.