

## COVID-19 Policy Updates for Students

### Vaccination Policy Statement

Marymount California University requires all students, faculty and staff to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to access the campus, facilities and the Villas, effective July 15, 2021, unless the individual has an approved exemption.

### Definitions

- Authorized vaccine: [FDA-authorized](#) or [World Health Organization-authorized](#) vaccine
- Fully vaccinated: A person is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 two weeks after having received the second dose in a two-dose series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized for use (e.g., Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) or two weeks after having received a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine (e.g., Johnson & Johnson/Janssen).
- Authorized exemption: An approved waiver from the vaccination requirement based on medical or religious reasons.

### Attestation

Individuals are required to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

- Students can submit proof of vaccination to the Student Wellness Center or [wellness@marymountcalifornia.edu](mailto:wellness@marymountcalifornia.edu).
- Students can submit proof of vaccination throughout the semester but will be considered unvaccinated until that proof is documented.
- Students failing to provide evidence they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 may be dropped from in-person classes and will be restricted from accessing in-person campus services until proof of complete vaccination status or an approved exemption is on file with the Student Wellness Center.
- Please note that falsifying a COVID-19 vaccination card is a violation of federal law. Any student found in violation of forging any university document will be subject to disciplinary action through student conduct.

### Enforcement

Compliance with the policy will be required two weeks before faculty, staff and students are expected to be on campus for the fall term.

- Students who have not completed their COVID-19 vaccination series must provide a negative COVID-19 test to access in-person classes.

- Accommodations for remote access to classes will be provided for students who need to complete their vaccination series and are enrolled in in-person classes for up to two weeks. Students who require additional time to complete their COVID-19 vaccination series will be directed to online courses for the fall semester.
- International students will be allowed additional accommodations to complete their vaccinations but will be required to submit weekly negative tests for COVID-19 until they are fully vaccinated. Failure to do so will require they convert to online courses, which has a direct impact on immigration status.
- Exempted students enrolled in in-person classes must also submit weekly negative COVID-19 test results. Failure to do so will require they convert to online courses.
- MCU will offer a COVID-19 vaccination clinic and on-campus testing on August 20, 2021.  
[Sign up here](#). COVID-19 vaccinations are available at no cost. Contact the Student Wellness Center for additional information on accessing COVID-19 vaccinations and/or testing.

### Exemptions

MCU's COVID-19 vaccination policy will allow for medical and religious [exemptions](#). Those with approved exemptions or accommodations may return to campus with the expectation that they will remain masked in all public settings.

- The deadline to submit an exemption due to medical reasons or a strongly held religious belief has been extended to Friday, August 20, 2021 at 5PM (PST).
- No exemptions from students attending in-person classes in Fall 2021 will be considered after August 20.
- Students wishing to be exempted but have not yet filed by the extended deadline date must enroll in only online courses. In-person course offerings will not be allowed.

### Masks

In compliance with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, everyone must wear a mask indoors while in public settings, regardless of vaccination status.

- Indoor public settings include classrooms, library, labs, The Commons, offices (except private offices), restrooms, cafe (except when seated and eating/drinking) and on the shuttle.
- Masks are not required outdoors for vaccinated individuals but recommended when it is not possible to maintain physical distancing of at least six feet from others.

- Masks are required outdoors for unvaccinated individuals when it is not possible to maintain physical distancing of at least six feet from others.
- If an individual's medical, mental health, disability or job duties (i.e., teaching in a classroom) prevents mask wearing, an effective, non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape, is permitted.
- Masks are available throughout the campus.
- Physical distancing is no longer required but efforts should be made to reduce overcrowding, particularly in indoor spaces.

**Screening**

- Before coming to campus, members of the MCU community must complete a daily symptom self-check using [this form](#).
- Individuals should not come to class or work if sick or in isolation or quarantine.