

January 21, 2022

Dear MCU Student,

The pandemic is not over. The omicron variant continues to surge, and as we've all seen has the potential to spread quickly. Vaccination, including boosters, is still our best line of defense.

In line with Los Angeles County Department of Public Health guidance, **MCU will require all students, faculty and staff to submit proof of a COVID-19 vaccine booster by February 1 (or within three weeks of eligibility).**

Please read the following carefully, as it has implications.

Eligible students must submit proof to the Student Wellness Center by emailing a copy to wellness@MarymountCalifornia.edu by the February 1 deadline. Click here to find out if you are eligible for your booster.

If you already have an upcoming appointment scheduled past the deadline, go ahead and submit a screen shot of the appointment to the Student Wellness Center. If you do not have an appointment, you can schedule one through the California Department of Health or [Vaccines.gov](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Imz.aspx) to find a local provider near you.

Alternatively, MCU will host an on-campus COVID-19 booster clinic on Tuesday, February 1 in the Student Center. Please RSVP here so we can have an accurate headcount.

If you are eligible for a booster and have not received it by February 1 (or submitted proof of an upcoming appointment), you will receive a hold on your student account and further action may be taken. Non-compliant students may be:

- Withdrawn from in-person classes
- Restricted from participating in athletic practices and competitions
- Prevented from attending campus-sponsored events
- Restricted from accessing in-person campus services
- Removed from university housing.

Previously approved medical and religious exemptions will be honored.

If you have questions about an exemption or any other COVID-related matter, please contact the Student Wellness Center at wellness@MarymountCalifornia.edu or (310) 303-7244. The Student Wellness Center staff is working remotely until January 21 and will do its best to respond to your questions in a timely manner.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our community safe.

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