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Dear Student:

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, National University has remained committed to making education and professional development accessible to as many students as possible while also maintaining the highest standards of safety for our community members. Although the vast majority of instruction is still conducted online, students in programs requiring onsite instruction for licensure, credentialing, or other specific needs have been welcomed back to campus only while adhering to the most up-to-date preventive measures to minimize the spread of the virus.

In keeping with this commitment, University leadership – in accordance with national, state and county guidelines – has decided to expand these onsite education safety requirements to include full vaccination for all onsite students. Please know that all faculty and staff are also required to be fully vaccinated¹. Therefore, as of February 28, 2022, roughly nine weeks from today, all students attending onsite courses will be asked for verification of vaccination status either onsite or via an online solution currently under development. This letter is meant to provide advanced notice. Please do not submit any vaccination information until further notice is given.

Although the University is in the process of determining the scale of onsite education and the programs/courses returning to in-person instruction, we are recommending that all students currently scheduled for an onsite course in March 2022 and beyond prepare to either provide proof of vaccination prior to attending or reach out to your advisor to explore scheduling options which do not include onsite coursework.

What Does This Mean for Me?

	I am fully vaccinated!	I plan to be vaccinated soon.	I don't plan on being vaccinated
Onsite Courses (including hybrids)	No action at this time	Make sure your vaccinations are complete by January 30, 2022*	Immediately speak with your advisor for a schedule change*
Online Courses	No action at this time	No action at this time*	No action at this time*

* Military and veteran students must be aware that any modification of a course modality from onsite to online, regardless of a vaccination exemption, will affect the housing stipend.

¹ As defined by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or state departments of health if the department has a higher standard for fully vaccinated.



Those who are unable to be vaccinated AND who are unable to complete program requirements online may be eligible for a religious or medical exemption. In addition, students involved in healthcare-related programs of study and Teacher Credential programs may be subject to specific vaccine requirements regardless of their exemption status. Students wishing to learn more about exemptions and testing requirements for unvaccinated students can contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) at sas@nu.edu for a full description of the exemption process as well as the Policy and Attestation Forms for requesting an exemption from COVID-19 vaccination.

We thank you for your continued efforts in keeping the National University community a safe and productive learning environment for all. We hope this new requirement, in addition to our flexible course scheduling and online learning options, will provide both safety and accessibility in the coming year.

Stay safe and be well.

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