

## **COVID Vaccination Policy Summary 2021**

The purpose of this policy is to facilitate protection of the health and safety of the Preuss School community. UC San Diego and Preuss strongly recommend that all members of the school community obtain the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as they are eligible. In addition, this policy provides for a COVID-19 Vaccination Program under which any student or employee is required, subject to limited deferrals, exceptions to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before physically accessing the Preuss campus. Individuals with approved exceptions or deferral will need to follow all non-pharmaceutical interventions, including masking and COVID-19 testing. This policy further provides that campus locations must begin collecting proof of vaccination and processing requests for Exceptions and Deferrals for all Covered Individuals.

**Policy effective date: September 2, 2021**

**By September 2, 2021, the expectation will be that all non-exempt students will have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. All students seeking medical or disability exemptions/deferrals or religious exemptions, must have submitted their forms beginning August 11<sup>th</sup><sup>[SA1]</sup> and no later than September 2<sup>nd</sup> to meet the September 6, 2021 requirement. If a student is above age 12, and is non-compliant, a notice will be sent home. The student will have 10 days to comply or will not be allowed on The Preuss campus.**

### **Fully Vaccinated Definition**

A person is considered “fully” vaccinated when two weeks have passed since they completed a COVID-19 Vaccine series (for example, 1 dose of the Janssen/J&J vaccine, or 2 doses within no more than 12 weeks of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine); as well as any boosters consistent with manufacturer instructions and applicable agency approval, authorization, or listing. Until a student has achieved full vaccination they need to follow the non-pharmaceutical interventions which include masking and COVID-19 testing.

A COVID-19 Vaccine satisfies the requirements of this policy if: (i) the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a License or an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the vaccine or; (ii) the World Health Organization has approved Emergency Use Listing (EUL)

### How To Get A COVID-19 Vaccine

- [San Diego County Vaccination Schedule By Day](#)
- [My Turn](#)
- Updates on other vaccine clinics will be posted to Parent Square

### How to Provide a Copy of Your COVID-19 Vaccine Record

Students must submit proof of their vaccination to the Health Office. Proof of vaccination includes; a copy of their CDC vaccination card (or foreign equivalent in the case of Covered Individuals who received their vaccinations abroad); official documentation issued by a State vaccine registry; or an official medical record. Please provide documentation of COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible, or by September 1, 2021.

Exceptions: If you wish to apply for an exception, please complete the appropriate form by August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Descriptions of possible exemptions/deferrals are listed below.

#### Medical Exceptions:

A contraindication or precaution to COVID-19 vaccination recognized by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), or by the vaccine's manufacturer may qualify as a medical exception.

CDC considers a history of the following to be a medical contraindication to vaccination with COVID-19 vaccines:

- Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a component of the COVID-19 vaccine
- Immediate allergic reaction of any severity to a previous dose or known (diagnosed) allergy to a component of the vaccine

The CDC explains the following regarding COVID-19 precautions:

Most people deemed to have a precaution to a COVID-19 vaccine at the time of their vaccination appointment can and should be administered the vaccine. CDC considers a history of an immediate allergic reaction to any other vaccine or injectable therapy (i.e., intramuscular, intravenous, or subcutaneous vaccines or therapies [excluding subcutaneous immunotherapy for allergies, i.e., "allergy shots"]) as a precaution but not a contraindication to vaccination. People with a history of an immediate allergic reaction to a vaccine or injectable therapy that contains multiple components, one or more of which is a component of a COVID-19 vaccine, have a precaution to vaccination with that COVID-19 vaccine, even if it is unknown which component elicited the allergic reaction.

### Temporary Medical Exception

- A person who has tested positive for COVID-19 or has a positive COVID-19 antibody test in the past 90 days is eligible for a temporary medical exception.
- Medical exception requests must be accompanied by a certification from a healthcare provider

### Disability Exception:

- A physical or mental disorder or condition that limits a major life activity and any other condition recognized as a disability under applicable law. "Disability" is a medical condition where reasonable accommodation is medically advisable.
- Disability exception requests must be accompanied by a certification from a healthcare provider

### Religious Exception:

- The following must be provided to qualify for a religious exception:
- Please identify your sincerely held religious belief, practice, or observance that is the basis for your request for an Exception as a religious accommodation.
- Please briefly explain how your sincerely held religious belief, practice, or observance conflicts with the University's COVID-19 vaccination requirement.
- Please provide any additional information that you think may be helpful in processing your religious accommodation request.

### Deferrals:

- Pregnancy qualifies as a deferral from getting the COVID-19 Vaccine. Pregnancy Deferral will extend throughout the term of the pregnancy and until the Covered Individual returns to work or instruction, as applicable.

### CONDITIONALLY ADMIT

Below Students will be conditionally admitted:

- Students below the age of 12 years old. After a student's 12th birthday a 10 day notice will be sent home. The student will have 10 days to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment or submit a deferral or exception.
- Students who received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine before September 1st and are awaiting the second dose. Students who have received the first dose of the vaccine must receive the second dose of the vaccine between 3-12 weeks. If a student has not received the second dose of the vaccine at 12 weeks, a 10 day notice will be sent home. A student will have 10 days to complete the vaccine series, submit a deferral or an exception.

Any student who is not fully vaccinated, including students who are under 12 years of age, conditionally admitted, or have submitted exemptions are required to follow additional Non Pharmaceutical Interventions.

**Additional Non Pharmaceutical Interventions Include:**

- Asymptomatic Testing twice weekly. (Students who have a temporary medical exception related to a positive COVID-19 test in the past 90 days are temporarily exempt).
  - 10 day quarantine if an unvaccinated student is exposed to someone who tests positive for COVID-19.(Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days are temporarily exempt).
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