

Subject Line: COVID-19 Vaccine/Booster Information

Sent to All Students: December 7, 2021

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We know that the reason the COVID-19 positivity and quarantine rates amongst our students remained so low this semester is because of the number of students that are vaccinated within our College. As a community this was key to our ability to provide a safe learning environment for all students as well as manage the demands placed on others when these cases occur. It also allowed for us to safely resume normal campus activities, events and student services through the fall semester. Words cannot express my gratitude for those that got vaccinated.

Given recent information from public health experts, **booster shots** are critical to enhancing immunity and public health. **I encourage all those eligible to receive a booster shot prior to the start of the spring semester, or as soon as they become eligible.** Eligible individuals are those who:

- Received their second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccination at least six months ago.
- Received the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccination at least two months ago.

Individuals who previously received other World Health Organization-approved vaccinations should receive a Pfizer booster dose if they received their initial vaccine series at least six months ago, in accordance with CDC guidance.

Students: Like for your initial COVID vaccine, once you receive a booster you should upload the relevant documentation to this NEW student booster collection link: <https://medaille.forms-db.com/view.php?id=207555>.

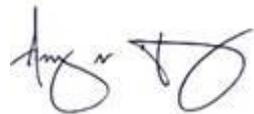
- If you have not yet received a booster, visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find a location to make an appointment or visit your local pharmacy websites.

If you haven't submitted your initial vaccination information to the College, we ask that you do so using the following link: <https://medaille.forms-db.com/view.php?id=179250>.

Please use the time over break for those that are eligible to get the booster. We believe very soon, the booster may be needed to be considered exempt from close contact quarantine. The vaccine and booster helps ensure not just health and safety but as minimal as possible disruptions to your educational pursuits and lives.

You will continue to receive updates over the winter break, so please continue to check your emails. Wishing you and your families a very happy and healthy holiday season.

Cheers,



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