

To: The UIW Community

Subject: Voluntary Submission of COVID-19 Vaccination Information

In our collegial effort and community spirit, we recognize that the pandemic has consumed a lot of time, energy and resources during the past 17 months. Every day is a blessing, and we thank all who helped create a safe environment and practiced shared responsibility during this time. Recently, Bexar County has reported a rise of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, comprised primarily of unvaccinated persons. Please rest assured that UIW remains committed to safety, compliance of existing protocols, and encouraging everyone to get vaccinated.

Today, we are announcing that the University is implementing an online registry to allow for voluntary reporting by employees and students to confirm their vaccination status. In developing the University's policies, the University's medical team considered the highly positive impact that COVID-19 vaccines have had so far in the U.S. and around the world. The University has determined, based on expert guidance, that widespread COVID-19 vaccination is the best way to contribute to greater immunity, reduce the likelihood of clusters of COVID-19 on campus, minimize the risk imposed by new variants, and help protect members of our community who are at the highest risk of developing serious illness from the virus. It is also a crucial part of the University's plans for resumption of in-person activities this upcoming Fall semester.

Ideally, every employee and student would be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless they are exempt due to a medical, religious, or other qualifying reason. Our hope is a campus-wide vaccination rate that is as close to 100% as possible.

As a first step, University employees and students are requested to upload proof of their COVID-19 vaccination in the University's registry as soon as possible, but no later than by August 30, 2021. University employee and students who access University facilities at any frequency who do not upload proof of full COVID-19 vaccination will be presumed unvaccinated and will be required to participate in the University's COVID-19 mitigation strategies. These strategies will include measures to limit the spread of infection for those who are unvaccinated, including wearing masks while indoors, a mandated testing plan, restricted travel guidelines, and student and employee discipline, including dismissal or termination, for those choosing to not comply with the related policies.

You may voluntarily submit your proof of vaccination via the Cardinal Apps portal and selecting the Med+Proctor app. The process is relatively simple, and we assure you that the information will not be used for other means. You would need to capture an image of your vaccination card/document, then follow the instructions in the application. There is nothing to purchase or any fees to upload the document. During the submission process, if given the choice to purchase additional options, you may simply press continue to move to the next screen.

If you are a student at one of the Health Profession schools and have already uploaded your vaccination document as required by the school using another source (such as SentryMD, CastleBranch or PreCheck), you are not required to upload your document twice.

Please be reminded that UIW Health Services is providing vaccinations to the University community. Furthermore, vaccinations are widely available in most areas, with an interactive map of “pop-up” vaccine clinic events in Bexar County listed at:

<https://covid19.sanantonio.gov/What-YOU-Can-Do/Vaccination#get-vaccinated>.

We recognize that the pandemic situation remains fluid; our related policies and protocols are subject to change. Thank you in advance for your immediate attention and cooperation.

General questions concerning this message may be directed to Dr. Nathan Johnson, Associate Vice President for Public Safety at najohns2@uiwtx.edu. Please contact the Help Desk at helpdesk@uiwtx.edu or x2721 if you are experiencing technical issues.