



Minnesota State University Moorhead

Student Proof of Vaccination and Testing

Frequently Asked Questions

Overview

To protect the health and safety of students and other members of our campus community by preventing the transmission of COVID-19, all students living on the Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM) campus must submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination status by Sunday, October 24, 2021. Students who are not vaccinated or do not wish to attest to their vaccination must undergo mandatory weekly COVID-19 testing.

Frequently Asked Questions

REQUIREMENTS

1. What are the requirements of the student COVID-19 proof of vaccination and testing guidelines for students living on campus?
MSUM and M State students living on the MSUM campus are required to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination status or participate in weekly testing for COVID-19.

2. How will students provide proof they are fully vaccinated or decline to certify that they are vaccinated?
All students living on campus must complete the COVID-19 Attestation available on eServices. Students will select their attestation option by selecting one of the following statements and then the relevant next steps:

- I certify that I have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19
- I am declining to certify that I have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19

3. What is the deadline for completing the COVID-19 Attestation?
Students living on campus must complete the COVID-19 Attestation by Sunday, October 24, 2021. Students who decline to certify that they have been fully vaccinated must begin weekly testing (and submitting test results) by Wednesday, October 27, 2021.

4. Will students need to submit attestation of vaccination or proof of testing to multiple offices if they live on campus and are also a student employee and/or a student-athlete?
No, students who live on campus, are student-athletes, and/or are student employees on campus will only need to complete the COVID-19 attestation process one time. Consequences for non-compliance will be addressed by each respective area.

5. Will students who are student employees at M State and living on the MSUM campus be required to submit vaccination attestation or proof of testing to both campuses?
Yes, M State students living on the MSUM campus will need to complete the COVID-19 Attestation process for MSUM. If applicable, the weekly test submission to M State will also be needed.

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VACCINATION

6. What vaccinations are approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or the World Health Organization (WHO)?

This is the current list of WHO-approved COVID vaccines, plus the foreign market/trade names (if any):

- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines (e.g., Comirnaty, Tozinameran)
- Moderna-COVID 19 vaccine
- Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine
- AstraZeneca-Oxford COVID-19 vaccines (e.g., Covishield, Vaxzevria)
- Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine

The FDA has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the use of the:

- Moderna COVID-19 vaccine
- Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine

7. What is considered “fully vaccinated”?

According to the CDC, people are considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19:

- Two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose COVID-19 vaccination series approved by the FDA or WHO:
 - Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines (e.g., Comirnaty, Tozinameran)
 - Moderna-COVID 19 vaccine
 - AstraZeneca-Oxford COVID-19 vaccines (e.g., Covishield, Vaxzevria)
 - Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine

OR

- Two weeks after a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine approved by the FDA or the WHO:
 - Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine

8. What documentation can support an attestation of vaccination?

Proof of vaccination will be:

- An original CDC COVID-19 vaccination card;
- A paper or electronic copy of a CDC COVID-19 vaccination card; or
- An original or copy of an alternative official vaccination record, as proof of FDA or WHO-approved COVID-19

vaccination status, if vaccinated outside the US.

Proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 must legibly show, at a minimum:

- Name of the individual vaccinated
- Date of birth of the individual vaccinated
- The manufacturer of the vaccine
- The date(s) on which the vaccine was administered

9. Do students who are fully vaccinated need to participate in COVID-19 testing?

No, students who provide proof that they are fully vaccinated are exempt from the testing procedure.

10. How can I get a COVID-19 vaccination?

Contact your health care provider, or see information about upcoming COVID-19 vaccination clinics offered by [Clay County Public Health](#).

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TESTING

11. What day do students test and what is the deadline for submitting test results?

Students who opt to participate in weekly COVID-19 testing must test weekly every Wednesday. Results must be uploaded to COVID-19 Test Submission on eServices by the following Tuesday.

12. What are the options for weekly testing?

Students have several options available for weekly testing.

- Option 1: Clay County Public Health has provided [several options for COVID-19 testing in the Fargo-Moorhead community](https://www.mnstate.edu/globalassets/general/dragons-care-covid-19/clay-county-public-health-covid19-testing.pdf).
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- Option 2: Locate and receive COVID-19 testing at any location not listed above.

13. Do students need to use a specific type of COVID-19 test?

No specific type of test is required.

14. Does the COVID-19 proof of vaccination and testing approach change Minnesota State's policies on masking or other COVID-19 mitigation strategies?

Not at this time. The Minnesota State policy remains that if a campus is in a county categorized as having Substantial or High transmission by the CDC, face coverings are required for all faculty, staff, students and visitors.

15. If a student gets vaccinated for COVID-19, can they stop testing weekly?

Yes, students who become fully vaccinated against COVID-19 may complete a new attestation form, present proof of full vaccination status, and will be removed from the testing requirement.

16. What if a student receives a positive COVID-19 test result?

Students should immediately report the positive results using the [Student COVID-19 Reporting Form](#). Students who submit a positive test will not need to undergo mandatory weekly COVID-19 testing during the following 90-day period (beginning with the date of their initial PCR test.)

17. Are students required to submit test results during campus break periods, such as Fall Break, Winter Break and Spring Break?

If a student remains on campus during break periods, they must continue to remain compliant with the policy. Students should continue to report positive test results through the [Student COVID-19 Reporting Form](#) over break periods to help determine if assistance is needed and if they can be exempt for 90 days post-recovery.



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EXEMPTIONS

18. If someone has tested positive for COVID-19 within the prior 90 days, are they subject to mandatory COVID-19 testing during that period?

Because individuals can test positive, persistently or intermittently, following a recent COVID-19 infection, the CDC recommends asymptomatic individuals be excluded from routine screening for 90 days after initially testing positive by PCR test. Anyone with proof of a positive PCR test that occurred within the prior 90 days does not need to undergo mandatory weekly COVID-19 testing during the 90 days beginning with the date of their initial positive PCR test.

19. Can students request an exemption from the proof of vaccination or testing requirement based on ADA or religious reasons?

COVID vaccinations are not mandated. Students have the opportunity to choose between attesting to being vaccinated or participating in weekly COVID testing. Students subject to these guidelines can choose not to be vaccinated or not share their vaccination status. In those cases, students subject to these guidelines must undergo regular testing. There is no religious or conscientious objection exemption form associated with the COVID-19 testing process. Weekly testing will be the alternative.

20. Can students request the cancellation of their residence hall contracts as a result of these guidelines?

No, residence hall contract release requests will not be granted to students who wish not to attest to vaccination or test weekly.

CONFIDENTIALITY

21. Will student attestation information be confidential?

The attestation information will be treated as private educational records under applicable law. Information regarding whether a student has shown proof of full vaccination and whether the student must submit to mandatory COVID-19 testing will be provided to campus staff with a business need to know and others authorized by the law.

22. Who will have access to student vaccination status and testing information?

COVID-19 vaccination status may be shared with campus staff with a business need to know and others authorized by law. Testing information may be shared with the designating testing laboratory, the designated vendor, the Minnesota Department of Health, local public health, members of the campus staff with a business need to know and others authorized by the law.

COMPLIANCE

23. What are the consequences for students who do not attest to COVID-19 vaccination or undergo regular testing?

Students who are not compliant with the policy will be subject to the student conduct process. Consequences may include but are not limited to: written warning, university disciplinary probation, registration hold, residence hall contract termination with financial obligation for contract terms, etc.