



COVID-19 Booster Policy

As of 1/6/2022

Given the current spike in U.S. COVID-19 infections and the prevalence of the highly contagious Omicron variant, ensuring the health and safety of the Juilliard community is of utmost importance. In a significant update to our vaccine policy, members of the Juilliard community will be required to receive the COVID-19 booster shot for the spring semester. This requirement applies to College Division students, as well as full-time and part-time employees.

Deadlines and Eligibility

For those who are currently eligible for a booster, you are required to receive and submit proof of your booster shot no later than January 15, 2022. For those who will not be eligible for a booster by January 15, you must receive your booster no later than seven days after becoming eligible.

Individuals Vaccinated in the U.S.:

According to current CDC guidance, you are eligible for a booster shot:

- 5 months after receiving your second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty) vaccine, or 6 months after receiving your second dose of the Moderna vaccine; or
- 2 months after receiving your single dose of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine.

If you meet the above requirements, the CDC currently recommends a booster shot of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine for most individuals.

Individuals Vaccinated Abroad:

If you were vaccinated abroad with other COVID-19 vaccines, the CDC currently advises that you can receive a booster shot if you are 18 years or older and you either:

- Received all the recommended doses of a World Health Organization emergency use listing (WHO-EUL) COVID-19 vaccine, not approved or authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA); or
- Completed a mix-and-match series composed of any combination of [FDA-approved, FDA-authorized, or WHO-EUL COVID-19 vaccines](#).

If you meet the above requirements, you can receive a single booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after receiving all recommended doses or completing a mix-and-match COVID-19 vaccine series.

For complete current CDC guidance on booster shots and information about who is eligible, please [follow this link](#). Please note that CDC guidance is subject to change. For information on how to get a booster shot in New York City and elsewhere in the Tri-State area, visit [Mount Sinai's vaccine information page](#), or [NYC's Vaccine Finder](#), which includes both by-appointment and walk-in sites.

Exemptions

If you are eligible for a booster shot under current CDC guidance, you are required to receive the booster unless you apply for and are granted a medical or religious exemption. Unvaccinated individuals who have previously been granted a medical exemption (provided the medical exemption wasn't granted on a temporary basis) or a religious exemption do not need to apply for a new exemption from the booster shot. For information on applying for an exemption, students should contact Health Services at healthservices@juilliard.edu. Information regarding employee exemptions will be sent in a separate communication from Human Resources.



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Proof of Vaccination

Community members must provide official proof of vaccination, including the booster shot. Information on how to submit proof of vaccination and boosters will be sent to students and employees in a separate communication.

What happens if you are not boosted by January 15 or, in the case of those who are not eligible by that date, within seven days of becoming eligible?

Our hope is that all Juilliard community members will be able to receive booster shots by January 15 or within seven days of becoming eligible. However, if you are not able to receive your booster within that timeline, we strongly encourage you to make your appointment as soon as possible and for the earliest available date. If you are eligible but unable to meet this deadline, please contact Health Services (for students) or Human Resources (for employees).