

## COVID-19 VACCINATION VERIFICATION POLICY FOR VENUES AND IN-PERSON UNIVERSITY EVENTS

Beginning October 25, 2021, people ages 12 and older will be required to show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or a negative test result to enter certain indoor and outdoor University of Washington events and establishments in accordance with the Public Health-Seattle & King County [public health order for verification of vaccines](#). Furthermore, the [state large event vaccine verification order](#) effective November 15, 2021, requires attendees of large events (1,000 or more attendees indoor or 10,000 or more attendees outdoor) to show proof of their full COVID-19 vaccination or a negative test result taken in the last 72 hours, and requires large event organizers to conduct vaccine (or negative test result) verification.

The purpose of this policy is to help prevent COVID-19 transmission in the UW community in accordance with the new [state](#) and [local](#) vaccine verification requirements, [Washington Ready](#) re-opening plan, state and local worker safety rules, and public health guidance, and the University's [COVID-19 Prevention Plan](#), and [COVID-19 Prevention Guidelines for In Person Events](#). This policy also ensures vaccine verification is implemented in accordance with applicable non-discrimination and privacy laws and policies.

This policy is in addition to, and not a replacement for, adherence to the University of Washington's [COVID-19 Vaccination Policy](#) and the University's [face covering requirements](#).

### APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to patrons/attendees at University venues and spaces described below and at University sponsored, organized, or hosted events in all University locations.

University event staff, including University personnel, volunteers, contractors, and vendors who are staffing events follow the [University's COVID-19 vaccination requirements](#).

University business and research activities and academic instruction are not considered events; these activities follow the requirements in the University's [COVID-19 Prevention Plan](#). University business may at times include events or gatherings where external (non-UW) guests are in attendance. In these situations vaccine verification is strongly recommended as indicated in the following scope section of this policy.

The following ***exceptions also apply to these requirements***:

- Children under the age of 12
- Individuals entering an establishment for a quick and limited purpose (e.g., to pick up take-out, to use the restroom, to make a delivery).
- The event is subject to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

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- Indoor dining areas in buildings that primarily serve non-dining purposes (e.g., University food establishments and grocery stores in residence halls, HUB, and UW Medicine facilities, designated eating/drinking areas in UW buildings)
- Outdoor dining
- Fitness centers in residence halls
- Voting centers sanctioned by County Elections at any location
- UW Tacoma University Y Student Center (rentals/reservations for events in the Y arranged through UW Tacoma are not exempt and follow requirements and guidance in the following sections)
- If state or local public health measures specially dictate otherwise (e.g., [youth programming](#))

### SCOPE OF VACCINATION VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Vaccine verification ***required*** for patrons/attendees at:

#### **Indoor** University Events and Venues

- University *entertainment or recreational* establishments (including private events hosted at these establishments), including:
  - museums, art galleries
  - performing arts and live music venues
  - indoor gym and fitness centers, sports arena spaces, recreational spaces
- Private events and rentals of University games areas/entertainment facilities and University spaces (e.g., parties, conferences, weddings) where attendees include non-UW community members.
- Dining areas of food establishments with indoor seating in the abovementioned establishments (e.g., indoor dining areas in museums, theaters, art galleries, gyms) and restaurants (e.g., Cultivate).
- All other indoor University events (ticketed or registered) open to the public with 1,000 or more attendees.

#### **Outdoor** University Events

- *Entertainment or recreational* events with 500 or more attendees (e.g., collegiate sports, conventions, and entertainment events).
- All other ticketed or registered events open to the public and with 10,000 or more attendees.

Vaccine verification is ***strongly recommended*** for patrons/attendees at:

- University sponsored, organized, or hosted indoor events open to the public or to non-university participants (e.g., public lectures, conferences). This includes University unit or department sponsored gatherings with external guests invited.

### IMPLEMENTATION OF VACCINATION VERIFICATION REQUIREMENT

Vaccine verification must be conducted under the following guidelines:

1. Participants must receive advance notice of the vaccination (or negative COVID-19 test result) requirement in all communications (including reservations and ticketing, visible [poster](#) of requirement at venue entrance).
2. Vaccine verification is performed at the event or venue and in a way that does *not* result in collecting or retaining records with individual's vaccination status or other personal health information.
  - a. One example of a permissible verification is a "card check" at entry where no record of the card is retained.
    - i. Individuals verifying vaccination at entry may be personnel (includes student workers) and volunteers. All individuals verifying vaccination must be trained on acceptable proof (see below) and confidentiality of personal health information.
  - b. Event organizers may *not* collect advance confirmation or documentation of participants' vaccination status, but they can and should indicate on an invitation that the event will require vaccination.
  - c. Train staff/create an implementation plan at venues and prepare for customer/patron communications, similar to this [toolkit](#) reference.
3. The **following vaccines are** accepted for verification and have been authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or World Health Organization (WHO): Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson/Janssen, AstraZeneca, Sinopharm-BBIBP, Sinovac, and Novavax.
4. The following are included as **acceptable [proof of vaccination](#)**. Additional identification is not required:
  - a. CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card, copy, or photo of the card;
    - i. The vaccination record must show the name of the person vaccinated, the type of vaccine provided, and the date the last dose was administered.
    - ii. Full vaccination is valid two weeks after the last recorded dose.
  - b. A printed record of vaccination from a vaccine provider (includes a doctor or pharmacy) or an electronic medical record printout verified by a health care provider;

- c. Electronic health record from [MyIRMobile.com](https://myirmobile.com), [WAVerify.org](https://waverify.org), or other mobile app (includes Certificate of COVID-19 Vaccination or QR Code);
  - d. State immunization information system record printout;
  - e. For an individual who was vaccinated outside of the United States, a reasonable equivalent of any of the above.
5. **Negative COVID-19 test result as an alternative to providing vaccine verification for entry.** Individuals may provide digital or printed documentation from a testing provider (e.g., the UW [Husky Coronavirus Testing](#) program, [WA DOH COVID-19 testing sites](#), a laboratory, health care provider, pharmacy) of:
  - a. A negative test result from an FDA-approved COVID-19 molecular (e.g., polymerase chain reaction (PCR)) test taken within the 72 hours prior to the event/venue entrance;
  - b. A negative test result from an FDA-approved COVID-19 antigen (aka. rapid) test administered by a testing provider within the 72 hours prior to the event/venue entrance;
  - c. **FDA-approved or authorized molecular tests** can also be referred to as PCR, reverse transcription PCR (RT-PCR), real-time reverse transcription PCR (rRT-PCR), Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT), transcription mediated amplification (TMA) assay, reverse transcription loop mediated isothermal amplification (RT-LAMP) test. **FDA-approved or authorized antigen tests** can also be referred to as rapid antigen tests, or lateral flow immunoassays.
  - d. The test result record must show the name of the person tested, type of test performed, the entity issuing the result, test sample collection date, and the test result. Additional identification is not required.
  - e. Rapid tests used without the supervision of a testing provider (e.g., self-administered over the counter tests, or home tests) will **not** be accepted.
6. Some people with **disabilities** may not have access to their vaccine information or the ability to use vaccine verification apps. If a person declares or is perceived to have a disability and cannot provide proof of vaccine, verbal communication of their vaccination status should be accepted instead of physical proof. For individuals with disabilities who are unvaccinated, a verbal declaration that they have a negative COVID-19 test result from a test taken within the 72 hours prior to the event/venue entrance is acceptable.
7. Medical and religious vaccine exemptions are **not** accepted in place of vaccine verification or documentation of a negative COVID-19 test.
8. Event organizers are also encouraged to provide options to view or participate in the event in an alternative format (e.g., livestream, recording).