



Vaccination and Testing Policy for Students

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It is clear that the best approach to a safe campus environment is through vaccination against COVID-19. All COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the U.S. have been shown to be safe and effective in preventing COVID-19 or minimizing its effects, including the COVID variants. Vaccinations also help protect those people around you, especially **those at increased risk** for severe illness from COVID-19.

You are considered fully vaccinated when you meet two of these criteria:

- You are two weeks after your second dose in a two-dose series, such as Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- You are two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson vaccine
- You have notified health services of your vaccine

Everyone who has been vaccinated at a location other than Viterbo University is reminded to complete this form <https://etcentral.viterbo.edu/#/form/1081>. Your confidential participation will help us understand any areas of concern and risk.

As students consider whether vaccination is the right choice for them, the COVID-19 Response Team encourages everyone to consider the following benefits of vaccination:

- No campus COVID-19 testing required*
- Elimination of the quarantine requirement if no symptoms present, though monitoring for symptoms is required, based on CDC guidance
- No masks required during university sponsored travel, unless required by carrier

To help maintain a safer campus, we will require regular testing for all unvaccinated students. Fully vaccinated students are exempt from the regular testing protocol described below.

TESTING

Students enrolled in face-to-face classes and who are not fully vaccinated will be expected to appear for regular COVID-19 testing throughout the semester, and

- Must provide a negative COVID-19 test result prior to returning to campus, with the test completed not more than one week prior to campus return, and must report results to health services or will be required to test at Viterbo health services
- If local testing is not accessible, a student may request an at-home test kit, which will be sent to their specified address in the test kit request. If requesting an at-home test kit, please allow two weeks to process the kit request. Request an at-home test kit or submit a community COVID-19 test result here: <https://etcentral.viterbo.edu/#/form/1106>
- Will be tested approximately every two weeks
- Are required to mask in public areas on campus

Regular testing will be required for all unvaccinated students, typically in alternate weeks. Students without a COVID-19 vaccination record on file will be notified via their Viterbo email address and scheduled for testing approximately every two weeks. If a student receives a vaccine during the semester, they will be exempt from testing once they reach their fully vaccinated status as defined above.

VACCINATION

Viterbo health services will continue to offer vaccination on campus as supplies allow and demand dictates. Other vaccine locations can be found here <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/How-Do-I-Get-a-COVID-19-Vaccine.html>

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BENCHMARKS

If students collectively reach the percentages below, we can relax some policies and/or are less likely to put other restrictions in place:

Vaccine Level	Campus Change
70% vaccination	Campus mask mandate lifted for unvaccinated
75% vaccination	Suspend all COVID-19 testing except for those with symptoms and as required for athletics

Individuals showing any symptoms of COVID-19, as determined by health services, will be tested, even if fully vaccinated.

As community members consider whether vaccination is the right choice for them, the COVID-19 Response Team encourages everyone to consider the following benefits of vaccination:

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The student community is defined as all students attending classes in person at the La Crosse campus (as of census).

This policy is subject to change based on the COVID-19 situation on campus, locally, and/or regionally. Changes may be made based on guidance from the La Crosse County Health Department, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, or the CDC.

*Athletes may still be required to test before competitions based on NAIA and league requirements.