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Subject: [Medyr3ad] IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM HSIP - Deadline 9/29/21
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This message from HSIP is being sent on behalf of Dr. Suzanne Allen, Vice Dean of Academic, Regional and Rural Affairs

Dear Health Sciences and Speech & Hearing Sciences Students:

The University of Washington, Health Sciences Immunization Program (HSIP) and HSIP-participating schools/programs are writing to share information on the HSIP COVID-19 vaccination verification process. These are based on State requirements, recommendations from UW health experts, guidance from the University's [Advisory Committee on Communicable Diseases](#), and consultations with many faculty experts and Faculty Senate leadership.

In alignment with [Governor Jay Inslee's vaccination proclamation](#), all students in HSIP-participating health sciences and speech & hearing sciences (SPHSC) programs are required to show proof of vaccination against COVID-19, or receive an approved exemption. **Please read these requirements carefully, even if you have already turned in a UW student COVID-19 vaccination attestation. In keeping with new vaccination requirements from the state, our policies have been updated.** (Please note that this HSIP requirement is *in addition to* UW's general student COVID-19 vaccination requirement.)

Students enrolled in HSIP-participating programs must upload COVID-19 vaccination records into their CastleBranch account by **September 29, 2021**. Students will be denied access to practicum sites and will not be able to register for winter quarter until their COVID-19 vaccination is verified by CastleBranch/HSIP or their exemption request is approved. ***The action to submit COVID vaccinations should be available in your CastleBranch account on Friday, September 10, 2021.*** Filing a false vaccination record or exemption request will be treated as a serious violation of the UW Student Conduct Code.

No information concerning COVID vaccinations will be shared with practicum facilities other than to verify a student's vaccination or exemption status. Students will have access to their COVID vaccination records or exemption documents on their MyCB account on the CastleBranch website. The school or program will have access to COVID vaccination records or exemption documents through administrative access to the CastleBranch website.

Acceptable COVID-19 vaccines include Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, and vaccines recognized on the [WHO EUL vaccination list](#).

Below are the three options for acceptable vaccination documentation:

- Image of a CDC COVID-19 vaccination record card
- Documentation of vaccination from a health care provider, including an electronic health record
- State immunization information system record

Records must include full name, type of vaccine/manufacturer, dates of administration, and name of entity administering the vaccine(s).

Deadlines – If you are not already vaccinated, please note that to be vaccinated by **September 29**,

you must receive:

- First dose of Moderna by Wednesday, Sept. 1 and second dose by Sept. 29
- First dose of Pfizer by Wednesday, Sept. 8 and second dose by Sept. 29
- Single dose of [Johnson & Johnson](#) by Wednesday, Sept. 29

There are [many places in Washington state and around the Seattle area where you can be vaccinated](#), including UW Medicine, doctor's offices and pharmacies.

Timing of COVID-19 vaccination and routine vaccines, titers, and TB screening

As of May 14, 2021, COVID-19 vaccines and *other vaccines may be administered without regard to timing*, per updated CDC guidance on [coadministration of COVID-19 vaccines with other vaccines](#).

In alignment with University of Washington Medical Center, *titers may also be drawn without regard to timing of COVID-19 vaccination*.

Below is information about Tuberculosis (TB) screening with regard to timing of COVID-19 vaccination:

- TB IGRA blood test (QFT-Gold and T-spot) – May be drawn **any time prior** to the first dose of COVID-19 mRNA vaccine, **or defer until 4 weeks after second dose**.
- TB skin test (PPD) – May place **and** read **any time prior** to the first dose of COVID-19 mRNA vaccine, **or defer until 4 weeks after second dose**.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Students who have not completed either COVID-19 vaccination or TB screening need to [defer TB screening and start COVID-19 vaccination immediately](#). Please contact HSIP at myshots@uw.edu if you need an extension for TB screening.

Claiming an exemption – Under [Governor Jay Inslee's new vaccination proclamation](#), philosophical exemptions are no longer accepted. Students requesting religious exemptions for sincerely held religious beliefs, practices or observances are required to provide an explanation, and medical exemptions require a signed form from a physician, a physician assistant, or a nurse practitioner.

- **Exemption request forms will be made available as soon as they are ready and will include information regarding how to submit the forms.**
- Religious exemptions approved for students participating in HSIP programs are considered **temporary**. **Religious accommodations will not be accepted after CDC adds COVID-19 vaccination to the [Recommended Vaccines for Healthcare Workers](#).**
- All other vaccines, including the flu vaccine, are required by HSIP based on the CDC recommended vaccines for healthcare workers and are not eligible for religious exemptions.

Students who submit false or inaccurate information during the verification process are subject to disciplinary procedures that can include dismissal from the University.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR UNVACCINATED STUDENTS: Practicum facilities may deny unvaccinated students access to their site, which may result in an inability to fulfil academic requirements. If you have questions about academic requirements, please contact your school or program.

Contact the Health Sciences Immunization Program at myshots@uw.edu with questions about

the COVID-19 vaccination requirement and verification.

Best,
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I am currently telecommuting due to COVID-19 outbreak. I can be reached via email or voicemail.

Schedule: M-W-F 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and T-TH 8:00-12:00 until further notice.

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