

COVID-19 Policies at the University of Michigan

The purpose of this announcement is to assist you in understanding the various COVID related policies at the University of Michigan. We will update this page as more information becomes available.

MANDATORY VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

On July 30th, the University of Michigan [announced](#) [1] a vaccination requirement for all students, faculty and staff on all three campuses and at Michigan Medicine. This [article](#) [2] covers details about this new requirement, including how to report vaccination status, request a religious or medical exemption, and other important information.

These FAQs address what you should do as an international student if you plan to seek a vaccination after arriving in the US or if you will arrive after the August 30th vaccination requirement deadline.

What if I am unable to be vaccinated before the deadline?

U-M is offering temporary deferrals (i.e: a temporary postponement process) to individuals who intend to receive the COVID-19 vaccine but are unable to receive it in their country of origin or current location by the August 30, 2021 deadline. Faculty, staff, or students, including international students, scholars or employees, who meet this criteria may request a deferment and, if the request is approved, the individual will be required to arrive to campus with documentation of a negative COVID-19 test within the prior three (3) days, begin the COVID-19 vaccination process immediately, participate in weekly COVID-19 testing until they are fully vaccinated, and follow the [UM Face Covering Policy](#) [3], which currently requires face coverings indoors. Contact the Campus COVID-19 Call Center for additional guidance. The Call Center can be reached at 734-936-7000, Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Special note for individuals with a non- FDA or WHO authorized vaccination

If you have a vaccination that is not authorized by FDA or WHO, then you will need to be re-vaccinated upon arrival in the U.S. Vaccination is available through the University Health Service (UHS). More information is available in [this FAQ](#) [4]. If you have questions about your specific health situation with being re-vaccinated, please discuss this with a medical provider at the University Health Service ([UHS](#) [5]). After arrival to the U.S., you should follow the protocols for unvaccinated individuals explained in [CDC and U-M requirements for International Travelers to Campus](#) [6].

Special note for individuals who have only received one of two doses of certain FDA or WHO approved vaccines

There is additional information regarding the mixing of different types of COVID vaccines on [this FAQ](#) [7].

If you have questions about your specific health situation with being re-vaccinated, please discuss this with a medical provider at [UHS](#) [5].

What am I required to do after I arrive on campus?

The University of Michigan is requiring that unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated students arriving on campus following international travel comply with CDC guidance. [This announcement](#) [6] summarizes the policy.

Vaccinated students

- Fully vaccinated students do not have post-arrival self-quarantine requirements, but are strongly recommended to take a COVID test within 3-5 days of arrival to confirm that they are negative for COVID.

Unvaccinated or Not Fully Vaccinated students

- Those students who have not been vaccinated fully or at all prior to their arrival in the U.S. will be expected to self-quarantine for 7 days upon arrival. It is important to note that U-M has also stated that during this period, students should refrain from attending class, work, or social events. During the 7-day self-quarantine, it is acceptable to leave their residence for mandatory COVID testing, health concerns, to seek a vaccination, or for essential tasks (eg: obtaining food, banking). Public transportation can only be used for these purposes if the student wears a mask and is not experiencing COVID related symptoms.

On-campus housing arrangements during self-quarantine

- Students with housing contracts who do not have single bedrooms have been contacted by Michigan Housing regarding special housing and meal arrangements for the 7 day self-quarantine. Note: Graduate students who live on campus (ie: Munger, Northwood) have single bedrooms, and may self-quarantine within their residences.

Off campus housing during self-quarantine

Students should review [this checklist](#) [8] to see if they can spend their 7 day self-quarantine period in their off-campus room, apartment or house. Students should not share a bedroom during their self-quarantine period if possible. A hotel or on-campus quarantine housing (if available) may be alternatives.

HOW TO GET VACCINATED AT U-M

To learn about how to get vaccinated at the University of Michigan, please review [this announcement](#) [9] and the embedded links. It is important to note that U-M recognizes FDA and WHO approved vaccinations.

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Links

- [1] <https://president.umich.edu/news-communications/letters-to-the-community/covid-19-vaccination-requirement/>
- [2] <https://record.umich.edu/articles/u-m-will-require-covid-19-vaccination-on-all-campus/>
- [3] <https://ehs.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/U-M-Face-Covering-Policy-for-COVID-19.pdf>
- [4] <https://campusblueprint.umich.edu/vaccine#related-university-requirements-policies-header>
- [5] <https://uhs.umich.edu/>
- [6] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/cdc-and-u-m-requirements-international-travelers-campus>
- [7] <https://campusblueprint.umich.edu/vaccine#when-am-i-considered-fully-vaccinated-header>
- [8] <https://campusblueprint.umich.edu/uploads/what-to-do-off-campus.pdf>
- [9] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/covid-19-vaccine-faqs-international-students-and-scholars>