

July 7, 2022

Students, Faculty and Staff:

In August 2021, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker issued a vaccination mandate that applies to all higher education employees and students. Concordia University Chicago has recently learned that the **Governor's office has extended this mandate** through the month of July 2022, and expects that it could be further extended into the beginning of the Fall 2022 semester.

Under the mandate, University employees and students are required to provide documentation of their COVID vaccination status as soon as possible, but no later than **Sunday, September 4**. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated, who do not provide proof of vaccination or who choose to exercise an exemption are required to submit to weekly COVID-19 testing until they are fully vaccinated or the mandate is lifted.

The University is responsible for adhering to the Illinois mandate, and individuals who are non-compliant with this requirement are subject to specific consequences.

Individuals are considered fully vaccinated two weeks following either the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine or the second dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines. Additional information about the vaccine is available via the [State of Illinois Vaccine webpage](#).

To find a vaccine provider near you, visit vaccines.gov.

Students:

Students who are responsible for meeting the above-stated requirements are defined as individuals enrolled in face-to-face credit-bearing or non-credit-bearing coursework. This applies to those students present on the University's main River Forest campus as well as those at off-campus, satellite classroom locations. **This requirement does not apply to individuals who complete their coursework fully online.**

- **RETURNING STUDENTS WHO SUBMITTED PROOF OF VACCINATION DURING THE 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR DO NOT NEED TO RESUBMIT PROOF.**
- All others may submit proof of vaccination through the existing [Med+Proctor](#) system; OR
- Participate in weekly COVID-19 testing:
 - On-campus testing dates/availability will be detailed in a separate communication
 - Results from off-campus testing providers are accepted
 - Individuals may exempt themselves from all future testing by submitting proof of full vaccination
- Questions may be directed to DOS@CUChicago.edu

Employees:

Faculty and staff members who are responsible for meeting the above-stated requirements are defined as any person who is employed by CUC (full-time, part-time or contractually) who is in contact with others on campus for more than 15 minutes at least once per week on a regular basis. This applies to those employees present on the University's main River Forest campus as well as those at off-campus, satellite classroom locations. **This requirement does not apply to individuals who work fully remotely and/or teach courses completely online.**

- **EMPLOYEES WHO SUBMITTED PROOF OF VACCINATION DURING THE 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR DO NOT NEED TO RESUBMIT PROOF.**
- All others may submit proof of vaccination via the [Vaccination Status webform](#); OR
- Participate in weekly COVID-19 testing:
 - On-campus testing dates/availability will be detailed in a separate communication
 - Results from off-campus testing providers are accepted
 - Individuals may exempt themselves from all future testing by submitting proof of full vaccination
- Questions may be directed to HR@CUChicago.edu

Exemptions

Per the Illinois Executive Order, the following vaccine exemptions will be allowed:

- The vaccine is medically contraindicated or an ADA accommodation exists.
- The vaccine requires an individual to forgo a religious belief, practice or observance.

Students may submit exemption requests by completing the Illinois [student exemption form](#); employees may submit exemption requests via the [Vaccination Status webform](#). Exempted individuals are required to submit to the weekly testing regimen.

- CUC Emergency Response Team