



Dear Members of the University Community,

In recent weeks, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and other public health entities have been discussing the future national strategy for COVID-19 vaccination, informed by data gathered throughout the pandemic. Additionally, the COVID-19 national public health emergency is scheduled to end on May 11, 2023, marking an important transition.

The University currently requires a COVID-19 vaccine for students, faculty and staff, a mandate that was adopted following June 2021 guidance for colleges and universities by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC no longer provides specific vaccination guidance for colleges and universities, referring instead to its strong recommendation that individuals get vaccinated against SARS Co-V2 and remain current with booster shots. We anticipate that future CDC guidance will reinforce this approach of recommended vaccination.

**As a result, the University will discontinue its vaccine mandate for students, faculty and staff, effective with the start of summer session on May 22, 2023.** We continue to recommend strongly that all members of our community, especially individuals with health conditions that place them at greater risk of serious illness, be vaccinated and remain current with boosters.

Over the summer, we will share additional health and safety updates for the fall semester informed by our usual broad consultation. Until that time, all other health and safety protocols and procedures remain in place. As always, we appreciate your cooperation in helping to keep each other safe.

Sincerely,

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