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Subject: Important Update on State of Illinois COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement for GSU Students - Testing Information
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Dear Students,

Please read this communication carefully as it contains important information about Governor J.B. Pritzker's Executive Order requiring all students and employees at Illinois institutions of higher education to **be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or submit to weekly testing until they comply with the vaccination requirement.** You can find copies of the relevant executive orders on the Governor's [website](#).

Vaccination Requirement and Exemptions

Students who do not qualify for one of the exemptions outlined below are required to get their first of a two-dose shot or a one-dose shot by **Sunday, September 19**. Individuals who choose a two-dose vaccine must obtain the second dose within 30 days after the administration of the first dose. **Students who submit proof of vaccination will not have to test weekly once they are fully vaccinated (two weeks after the final dose).**

Submit Proof of Vaccination

Submit proof of vaccination via MedProctor using the following instructions:

1. Visit www.medproctor.com.
2. Click "register" and create an account using your GSU email address.
3. Upload an image of the vaccination record. Select "**Submit your health forms for free without the upgrade.**"
4. Save a copy of the confirmation e-mail for your records.

Students who already have uploaded their proof of vaccination and are fully vaccinated (two weeks after the final dose) do not have to take any further action at this time.

Medical and Religious Exemptions

If you have a disability or other medical condition that prevents you from getting the COVID-19 vaccine, you may upload a signed letter from your medical provider to MedProctor using the steps listed above. If you hold a sincerely held religious belief that conflicts with immunizations, you may upload a statement detailing the specific belief to MedProctor using the steps listed above. Per the [Administrative Code](#), general philosophical or moral reluctance to allow immunizations will not provide a sufficient basis for an exemption. The letter must be at least a paragraph in length, typed in letter format, and hand-signed by the student. **Students who qualify for a medical or religious exemption from vaccination must participate in weekly testing (see additional testing details below).**

Remote Learner Exemption

Students who are enrolled in coursework exclusively remotely and do not come to campus for any reason are not required to provide proof of vaccination or participate in weekly testing; however, these students will not be permitted to come to campus to attend meetings or events or to use amenities such as the library until they comply with the Executive Order by uploading proof of vaccination or participating in weekly testing.

Testing Requirement for Individuals who are not Fully Vaccinated

Students who are not fully vaccinated (two weeks after the final dose), including those with a medical or religious exemption, must submit proof of a negative test every week beginning the week of September 19, 2021. **The result of the first COVID-19 test taken on or after September 19, 2021 must be uploaded by Sunday, September 26, 2021.** Every seven-day period after that, you must submit proof of a test result taken within that seven-day period until you demonstrate that you are fully vaccinated.

Testing Options

Free testing is available on campus. Information on how to get tested on campus is available on the University's [COVID-19 website](#). Students who get tested on campus must consent to having their test results shared directly with GSU to demonstrate compliance. Students who do not wish to have their test results shared directly with GSU may test off campus and submit their test results via MedProctor in order to demonstrate compliance. Students may choose to get tested at a pharmacy, healthcare provider's office, or a community-based testing site. **Self-administered over the counter tests are not acceptable.**

Questions?

For more information, please review the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the COVID-19 website. You are encouraged to check your GSU student email for timely and important information at least once a day, Monday – Friday. For the most up-to-date information about the university's response to COVID-19, monitor the University's [COVID-19 website](#). If you have additional questions, please contact deanofstudents@govst.edu.

Sincerely,

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