

COVID-19 Vaccine - Carolina Together

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Is the University requiring students, faculty and staff receive the vaccine?



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Regarding vaccine requirements, the UNC System has advised the campuses that under state law, only the North Carolina Commission for Public Health may mandate immunizations for college students.

The University will continue the [Carolina Together Testing Program](#) (CTTP) in fall 2021, **which now will require all students, faculty and staff who are unvaccinated or do not provide their vaccination status to participate in regular asymptomatic evaluation testing.** Fully vaccinated students, faculty and staff will be exempt from testing.

As of August 23, 2021, students who have not attested they are vaccinated will be tested **twice a week** as part of the [Carolina Together Testing Program](#).

We [previously announced](#) that we will require weekly testing for employees who have not attested that they have received the COVID-19 vaccine. **We are extending the deadline for employees to receive their vaccines from Sept. 15 to Oct. 1** because we are seeing a positive trend in the overall number of faculty and staff who have attested to their vaccinations.

While the COVID-19 vaccine is not a requirement for students or employees at this time, [we strongly recommend everyone receive it](#). All students, faculty and staff may now receive the vaccination at the [Campus Health Student Stores Pharmacy](#).

In addition to the [Campus Health Student Stores Pharmacy](#), faculty and staff can also find vaccine sites around the state on the [North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services website](#).

We continue to urge everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible and report it using the [COVID-19 Vaccination Certification](#).

All members of the Carolina community are strongly encouraged (and, in some instances, may be required) to obtain immunizations that are covered by most health plans (including student health plans), especially the annual flu shot.

What is the Carolina Vaccine Clinic? Who can schedule vaccines there?



Updated September 3, 2021

Who: UNC-Chapel Hill undergraduate students, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, faculty and staff can be vaccinated at the Carolina Vaccination Clinic. We strongly encourage [making an appointment](#) for the vaccine.

Where: Vaccines for students, faculty and staff are offered at Student Stores Pharmacy on the top floor of UNC Student Stores.

When: Plan for the visit to take up to 45 minutes. The person being vaccinated will need to remain on-site for the entirety of your appointment including an observation period. When you book your appointment, avoid conflicts with classes, exams, or work. We are asking faculty to be flexible about class absences related to vaccination appointments; however, Campus Health will not be providing excused absence forms for your appointment.

Cost: There will be no out-of-pocket cost to those who receive a vaccine. Bring your insurance card; your insurance will cover administrative costs.

Transportation: UNC Student Stores offers ease in access through a range of transportation options.

- Convenient for bike riders and pedestrians on campus
- Ten reserved parking spots on Stadium Drive, overflow parking in Rams Head Parking Deck (validation provided at vaccination site)
- Town and regional bus transit stops are located immediately adjacent to the vaccination site including Chapel Hill Transit Routes U, A, FCX, S, and GoTriangle Routes 800, 800S, 805, CRX.

More Details: Please reach out to Campus Health at 919-966-2281 if you have a history of severe allergic reactions or if you have questions about COVID-19 vaccines or the Carolina Student Vaccination Clinics.

All undergraduate students, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, faculty and staff may sign up for on-campus vaccination appointments at COVIDVax.unc.edu.

What's the Difference Between FDA Emergency Use Authorization and FDA Approval?



In a public health emergency, manufacturing and approval of vaccines can be streamlined through an Emergency Use Authorization or EUA. An EUA does not affect vaccine safety, because it does not impact development, such as research, clinical studies and the studying of side effects and adverse reactions. Instead, it speeds up manufacturing and administrative processes. All vaccines follow the same testing processes, whether they are authorized for emergency use or through a typical license. If the benefits outweigh any possible risks of the vaccine and manufacturing quality can be ensured, the FDA will authorize the vaccine for emergency use.

Emergency use authorizations are an important part in addressing public health emergencies and ending the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, visit vaccine.unchealth.org.

Which members of the Carolina community are eligible to receive the vaccine?



All individuals 12 years and older in North Carolina are eligible for the vaccine.

Will I have to pay for the vaccine?



There will be no out-of-pocket cost to those who receive a vaccine. Bring your insurance card; your insurance will cover administrative costs.

What should I do if I am unable to receive the vaccine for religious reasons?

If you are unable to be vaccinated for religious reasons, you should participate in weekly asymptomatic evaluation testing. You do not need to submit any documentation to use this alternative to vaccination. If you object to both vaccination and testing based on your religious beliefs, please contact the Equal Opportunity and Compliance Office at eoc@unc.edu for assistance.