

All members of the LIU community — students, faculty, administrators, and staff — are required to be fully vaccinated before the start of the fall 2021 semester in order to gain access to the campuses, and are required to upload proof of their vaccination.

The driving force behind our vaccination requirement is to protect the health and safety of our community to the fullest extent possible, and to enable our community to engage in-person and more fully in various aspects of university life than they have since the onset of the pandemic. LIU will continue to make safety the primary consideration in its decision-making, and to rely on the most up-to-date scientific information available to make informed decisions about its operations.

The following Q&A addresses some of the most common questions that have arisen from the University's decision to require COVID-19 vaccinations for fall 2021. The information below is subject to change as further guidance is forthcoming from public health authorities.

FAQs

How do I get vaccinated?

COVID-19 vaccines are readily available across the United States and in most countries. There are several ways you can look for vaccination providers near you in the United States:

- <https://www.vaccines.gov/>
- Text your ZIP code to 438829 or call 1-800-232-0233 to find vaccine locations near you in the United States.
- Check your local pharmacy's website to see if vaccination appointments are available. Find out which pharmacies are participating in the [Federal Retail Pharmacy Program](#).
- Contact your [state health department](#) to find additional vaccination locations in the area.

Where do I upload proof of vaccine?

Your vaccination card or NYS Excelsior pass can be used to verify your status by uploading it to our [online portal](#) as soon as possible. Students can use their MyLIU user name and password to log on.

What vaccinations are accepted?

Vaccines must be authorized in the United States by the FDA or on the WHO list of approved vaccines. LIU is currently accepting the [FDA-authorized vaccines](#) (Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson (J&J)/Janssen) and the [WHO-listed vaccines](#) (AstraZeneca/Oxford and Sinopharm).

What is the criteria to be considered “fully vaccinated”?

Guidance citing “fully vaccinated” individuals means students, faculty, and employees who:

1. have completed all doses of an FDA-authorized or WHO-listed COVID-19 vaccine;
2. for whom 14 days have passed since their final dose; AND
3. who have uploaded proof of vaccination and had it validated by LIU.

How do I request an exemption to the COVID-19 vaccination policy?

Brooklyn:

According to the [Key to NYC policy](#), all people must be vaccinated to gain entrance to the Brooklyn Campus with no exemptions.

Post:

We understand there are valid medical and religious reasons not to be vaccinated. Requests to remain unvaccinated can be submitted through our [online portal](#). Students can email studentaffairs@liu.edu or call (516) 299-1200 for more information. Employees should call Human Resources at (516) 299-3522. Please complete your medical or religious exemption requests as soon as possible.

What if I missed the deadline to be fully vaccinated before classes start?

- Promptly get vaccinated and upload proof of vaccination. (this would apply to the Johnson & Johnson vaccine)

- Upload proof of a partial vaccination if you have gotten the first of a two-dose vaccine and show proof you are scheduled for the second dose. Once you receive the second dose, you must upload your completed card. (This would apply for Moderna and Pfizer).

What restrictions will be placed on those people that get vaccine exemptions approved?

LIU is not liable with respect to your requested exemption and any illness or injury resulting from exemption from the required vaccination. You agree that you may be subject to additional preventive measures such as screening, testing, social distancing, quarantining, isolation, mask wearing and other health and safety protocols by virtue of your unvaccinated status that may not apply to vaccinated community members and that this treatment is based solely on your unvaccinated status. This includes weekly testing. Due to your unvaccinated status you may be excluded from campus activities, residence halls, and/or Long Island University campuses, and that any such exclusion does not entitle you to any reduction in tuition or other associated charges or University fees. These measures, restrictions, and exclusions are to protect your health and the health of the University community.

Will there be a virtual option for students?

Students who are unable to return to campus for legitimate reasons, including documented medical concerns or international travel, may apply for remote learning accommodations by clicking here. In order to apply for remote learning, students are asked to upload supporting material detailing the reason for requesting an accommodation.

Remote-Learning requests are due by August 27 and will be approved on a case-by-case basis after a thorough review of each student's individual needs.

Will daily COVID-19 Self-Check still be required?

Yes. Community members accessing campus must complete the [LIU COVID-19 Self-Check](#) daily prior to entering campus. This provides an additional layer of safety as the COVID virus mutates to other variants. It is an effort to keep our community safe and prevent people with COVID-19 symptoms from inadvertently spreading the virus.

Will masks be required while on campus?

At this time, all faculty, staff, students and visitors, regardless of their vaccination status, must wear face coverings while inside University buildings. This includes classrooms, hallways, libraries and other

common spaces, as well as buses and shuttles. Face coverings are not required inside personal rooms at residence halls, while eating in on-campus dining areas, within personal offices or in non-public-facing personal workstations. Masks are not required outdoors.

We will continuously monitor, reassess and adapt to changing data and guidance, keeping you informed as conditions evolve.

Will social distancing apply on campus?

Currently, there will be no social distancing required on campus with the exception of those people that have an LIU approved exemption. Those with an LIU approved exemption are expected to follow CDC health and safety guidelines which includes social distancing.

If I am a remote student, will I be able to enter the campus?

No. If you are approved for remote learning, you will not be able to access the campus for the semester.

If I am a remote student, do I need to upload vaccine proof or request a medical or religious exemption?

No. If you are approved for remote learning, you will not be able to access the campus for the semester. When you return to in-person learning, you will have to upload vaccine proof or request a medical or religious exemption to gain access to the campus.

If someone with vaccine gets COVID what should they do?

They should isolate 10 days and seek medical advice from their doctor.