



Together Safely: COVID-19 Vaccine Policy for Fall 2021

Will Albion require students, faculty and staff to be immunized against COVID-19?

Yes. Albion will require all students, faculty and staff who are learning, living, teaching or working on campus to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and present proof of vaccination by August 1, 2021, unless a medical or religious waiver is approved.

Which COVID-19 vaccines fulfill the requirement?

Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are all acceptable. If you are an international student and have received, or will receive, a different vaccination, contact the COVID-19 team: covidteam@albion.edu.

What documentation will I need to submit?

You will need to submit documentation that includes your name, date of vaccination, type of vaccine and proof of both doses of a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine from your healthcare provider or pharmacy. You may need to request this documentation.

How can I upload my proof of immunization?

We are working on a new documentation process that is safe and secure and will share details later in the summer. Once this new process is live, you will be required to submit proof of vaccination even if you have previously shared your vaccination record with the COVID-19 team.

What is the deadline for sharing my proof of immunization?

All students, faculty and staff who will be on campus for Fall 2021 must share proof of immunization by August 1, 2021.

Are there exemptions for immunization against COVID-19?

Yes, religious and medical exemptions will be honored.

How do I apply for a medical waiver, religious waiver or vaccination delay due to a recent COVID-19 infection?

Albion College students, faculty and staff who need to request a medical waiver, religious waiver or vaccination delay due to a recent COVID-19 infection must complete the [COVID-19 Vaccination Waiver](#)



[Request Form](#) before August 1, 2021. The medical waiver requires a medical provider's signature. Religious waivers must certify that immunization is in conflict with the religious convictions of the signer. Delay requests due to recent COVID-19 infection will require proof of a positive COVID-19 test within the last 90 days. Documentation must be received by the August 1, 2021 deadline.

Exemption decisions will be communicated via email by August 6, 2021, to all students and employees. Students and employees who are granted a medical/religious exemption may be required to adhere to mitigating controls including additional interventions for the health and safety of the campus community.

Can Albion mandate vaccines that are currently only subject to Emergency Use Authorizations?

Albion College's vaccination policy has been thoroughly reviewed and is compliant with guidelines from our legal counsel. To date, [more than 350 colleges and universities](#) are requiring immunization against COVID-19 for Fall 2021.

How can I get the COVID-19 vaccination?

If you did not receive the vaccine at one of the College's vaccine clinics, you should visit your local healthcare provider or retail pharmacy to receive the vaccine. Use www.vaccinefinder.org to find vaccine locations near you. If you live in Michigan, you can visit Michigan.gov to learn where you can receive the vaccine.

Do I still need to show proof of vaccination if I have already had COVID-19?

Yes.

I am concerned about the speed at which the COVID-19 vaccine was developed. What can you tell me about its safety and effectiveness?

We know that the COVID-19 vaccine was developed fairly quickly and that may raise concerns for members of our community. However, the process used to approve the COVID-19 vaccine is the same process that was used to create safe and effective vaccines for the flu, polio, measles, whooping cough and more. The COVID-19 vaccines have all been subject to rigorous clinical trials, and all routine processes and procedures remained in place to ensure the safety of any vaccine authorized or approved for use. You can learn more about the safety of the vaccine on the [CDC's website](#).

I will not be on campus for the 2021-22 academic year. Do I need to get the vaccine?

This policy will be in effect for all students who are taking in-person classes and participating in co-curricular activities at Albion, at the Philadelphia Center or in an Albion College Study Away program. Students who are off-campus and not participating in College-sponsored academic or co-curricular activities are not required to comply with the College's vaccination policy. If your status changes, you are required to comply with this policy prior to returning to campus.



What will happen if I don't get the vaccine?

The COVID-19 vaccine is required for students, faculty and staff. Consistent with Albion's other immunization policies, class enrollment registrations for the academic term will not be allowed for students who are not in compliance.

Who do I contact with questions?

If you have questions about Albion's vaccine policy, contact covidteam@albion.edu. You can find further information about the COVID-19 vaccine in the [State of Michigan's FAQ](#).