Vaccination Update for the International Community

As you know, the University will resume in-person instruction for the Fall 2021 semester, and all faculty, staff, and students regularly coming to campus are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Many of you have asked which vaccinations will be accepted and whether vaccinations will be provided by the University.

The University of Maryland will accept proof of vaccination with vaccines that have been authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the World Health Organization (WHO), as well as vaccines that have been authorized by national regulatory agencies in other countries. The University of Maryland will not accept vaccines that are given as part of clinical trials or that have been authorized by regulatory agencies in other countries but have been evaluated and rejected by WHO.

We want to stress the importance of getting vaccinated as soon as possible with a vaccine that is currently available to you in your home country and not wait to be vaccinated until you arrive in the United States.

We will follow CDC guidance for newly arriving international students including:

- **Those who have been fully vaccinated with a vaccine authorized for emergency use by the FDA or the WHO** must be tested with a viral (PCR) test within three to five days upon arrival on campus. No quarantine will be required.

- **Those who have received a vaccine that has not been authorized by the FDA or the WHO** must be tested with a viral (PCR) test within three to five days upon arrival and must self-quarantine for seven days upon arrival even if the test result is negative. Those who are unable to be tested must self-quarantine for 10 days upon arrival.

Please note that if you have received a vaccine that has not been authorized by the WHO by the time of your arrival for the fall 2021 semester, the University reserves the right to request that you receive an additional FDA-authorized vaccination to ensure the safety of the campus community.

- **Those who have not been vaccinated** prior to travelling to the United States must be tested with a viral (PCR) test within three to five days upon arrival and must self-quarantine for seven days upon arrival even if the test result is negative. Those who are unable to be tested must self-quarantine for 10 days upon arrival.

These individuals should make arrangements to be vaccinated in the United States immediately upon completion of their self-quarantine.

The University plans to make vaccinations available to all newly arriving faculty, staff and students who need to be vaccinated. You can find information on where and how to get vaccinated here.

PCR testing and vaccinations for members of the University of Maryland community will be available on or near campus throughout the summer and fall. For more information on dates, times and availability, check 4Maryland.

We look forward to seeing you on campus and wish you the best as you begin or continue your education and research. If you have any questions about the vaccination requirement, please write to healthconcerns@umd.edu.
As many have been asking questions about our COVID-19 vaccination confirmation process or exemption forms, I wanted to provide this information to you.

There are several ways you can confirm your vaccination status if you have not done so already. A confirmation of vaccination status includes a verification of your vaccine or an approved medical or religious exemption.

There is excellent information about vaccines on our #Vax4Maryland website. There are FAQs, information about requirements, where to get vaccinated and more. You will also find information on how to consent to verify your vaccination status with a regional database, upload your vaccination form and access exemption forms.

You can also go to https://return.umd.edu/ and click on Confirm Vaccination Status. Please follow the process to verify your COVID-19 vaccine.

Also, note that you will see a link under your personal status, as you check into your UMD Daily Self-Monitoring for COVID-19 site, on how to verify your vaccination status.
As a reminder, in order to meet the USM requirement for vaccines, you must verify your vaccine no later than August 2, 2021 for our campus. And, in order to meet this deadline, you may need to get your first vaccine shot no later than early July.

I hope this information is helpful to you. Please share with others, as needed. Please send all questions about our vaccination process to healthconcerns@umd.edu.

Stay healthy and be well - Patty

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