

COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

Effective: January 14, 2022

Revision History:

None.

Executive Summary:

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Barnard College announced in May 2021 that as of August 2021 all students, faculty and staff must receive the COVID-19 vaccine (including applicable boosters), subject to the exemptions listed below.

Reason for the Policy:

According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and medical experts, vaccination is the best way to protect ourselves and our communities against COVID-19. Public health experts have identified COVID-19 vaccinations (including applicable boosters) as the key factor in reducing COVID-19 infections and allowing us all to return to a less restricted, more normal way of life. Not only do these vaccines prevent serious illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19, they also limit the spread of the virus within communities.

Who is Responsible for This Policy:

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Responsible Office for Students: Primary Care Health Services
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Who is Governed by This Policy:

All Barnard students, faculty and staff are governed by this policy.

Policy Statement:

All Barnard students, faculty and staff are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before accessing campus, subject only to the exemptions described below.

Additionally, all students, faculty and staff must receive a booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. The initial deadline to submit proof of a booster for eligible community members is

January 10, 2022, if eligible at the time. Community members that become eligible (as defined by the CDC) after January 10, 2022 are required to get their booster dose and upload documentation *as soon as they are eligible*.

Individuals who do not comply with the COVID-19 vaccination requirement, and are not eligible for an exemption, are subject to removal of ability to access campus buildings and facilities, and/or loss of housing (for students).

Exemptions for Medical and Religious Reasons

Students, faculty and staff may request an exemption from the COVID-19 vaccine requirement for medical reasons or for those that hold religious beliefs contrary to the practice of immunization.

If approved for a medical or religious exemption, students, faculty or staff will be considered to be in compliance with the COVID-19 vaccine requirement. Unvaccinated individuals may be subject to additional health and safety protocols.

Procedure to Request an Exemption:

Faculty, staff members or students who are requesting a medical or religious exemption to this policy, should submit the [Request Form for Exemption Application](#).

Procedure to Upload Proof of Vaccination (including Boosters):

Proof of vaccination (including boosters) and other updates must be uploaded through [Open Communicator](#). Detailed instructions may be found [here](#).

Further resources and information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, details about the College's vaccine requirement, how to upload proof of vaccination, and the process of applying for religious and medical exemption, as well as information on how to obtain the vaccine is available on the [COVID-19 Vaccination site](#).

Website for This Policy:

<https://portal.barnard.edu/sites/default/files/2022-02/COVID19%20Vaccine%20Policy.pdf>