

Vaccination Verification FAQs

- **Why is the university seeking vaccine verification?**

The university is still evaluating the federal Executive Order that applies to federal contractors and working with the Board of Regents to determine applicability. At this time, the university is making their vaccination verification and accommodation/exemption systems available to all campus employees on a voluntary basis.

- **If I provide my vaccine information now, will I be compliant if vaccines are required later?**

Yes, if you provide your vaccine information now, you will already be in compliance if and when the university requires employees to be vaccinated.

- **What vaccines are recognized for this program?**

As of August 31, 2021, WHO has listed the following COVID-19 vaccines for emergency use:

- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines (e.g., COMIRNATY, Tozinameran)
- AstraZeneca-Oxford COVID-19 vaccines (e.g., Covishield, Vaxzevria)
- Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine
- Moderna COVID-19 vaccine
- Sinopharm BIBP COVID-19 vaccine
- Sinovac-CoronaVac COVID-19 vaccine

If you participated in a US-based clinical trial and are documented to have received the full series of an “active” COVID-19 vaccine candidate, and vaccine efficacy has been independently confirmed, you are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after completing the vaccine series.

(Currently Novavax COVID-19 vaccine meets these criteria.) [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#)

- **Am I fully vaccinated if I received a vaccine that is not listed, or I received doses from several vaccines?**

To be fully vaccinated, you must receive a complete series of COVID-19 vaccine(s) that are FDA or WHO authorized and approved. The safety and effectiveness of a mixed-product series have not been evaluated. [COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs for Healthcare Professionals | CDC](#)

- **I have a health condition prevents me from being vaccinated. How do I request an accommodation/exemption?**

Health accommodations may be requested by submitting the Medical Accommodation Request Form found at <https://workflow.uiowa.edu/entry/new/13260>.

Employees are entitled to receive an exemption by submitting written documentation affirming:

- That receiving a COVID-19 vaccine would be injurious to the health and well-being of the employee or an individual residing with the employee.
- A qualifying medical condition or disability.

- **How do I request an accommodation/exemption based on a sincerely held religious belief?**

If you have a sincerely held religious belief, observance, or practice; including a moral or ethical belief, observance, or practice that is sincerely held with the strength of a religious view, you may request an accommodation by submitting the Religious Accommodation Request Form found at <https://workflow.uiowa.edu/entry/new/13198>.

Employees are entitled to receive an exemption by submitting written documentation affirming:

- A sincerely held religious belief, observance, or practice; including, a moral or ethical belief, observance, or practice that is sincerely held with the strength of a religious view.

- **I received a vaccination from the University Employee Health Clinic. Do I need to upload an image of my vaccination card?**

No, the record of COVID vaccines received at UEHC will be transferred and no action is needed on your part.

- **I previously received an exemption and have now been vaccinated. Can I record the vaccination?**

Yes, you may upload your vaccination card if you did not get vaccinated at UEHC.

- **I lost my vaccination card, where can I get a new one?**

You can retrieve your COVID-19 vaccination record through MyChart if you have a UI Health Care provider.

If you received your vaccination in the State of Iowa, individual immunization records including COVID-19 immunizations can be obtained through IRIS (Iowa's Immunization Registry Information System). Individuals may obtain immunization records through the following options:

1. Contact your health care provider.
2. Complete and submit an immunization record request form to the Iowa Department of Public Health Immunization Program.

- **I only received my first vaccination dose, where can I receive a second dose?** University Employee Health Clinic can provide second doses of vaccinations for employees, or employees may go to their regular provider or any local pharmacy. If you are a student, you can contact Student Health or go to any local pharmacy. [Providers | Vaccinate Iowa](#)

- **Am I permitted to redact or alter part of my vaccination card before I upload the image?**

If your "Patient number" is provided on the card, you may redact or obscure that number. Do not redact or obscure any other information on the card. Please see the following questions for information about security and access to the uploaded document.

- **Who has access to see my vaccination information?**

Information and documents related to your COVID-19 vaccination will only be visible to you, your local HR Representative, Senior HR Leader, Associate Dean for Faculty (for faculty members), Faculty and Staff Disability Services, and (for UI Healthcare employees) Leave and Disability Administration.

- **Is my vaccine information stored securely?**

Vaccine information is stored securely in the secure context of the University of Iowa Data Center.

- **What defines fully vaccinated.**

You are considered [fully vaccinated](#) 14 days after your second dose (Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech), or single dose (Johnson & Johnson). If you haven't yet received a vaccine, please familiarize yourself with the [time required](#) to complete your vaccination sequence.