

Wesley's Community Policy for the COVID-19 Booster

Policy Applicability and Scope

This policy applies to all employees, students, student spouses, and visitors who intend on entering the campus.

Purpose of Policy

As we established Wesley's vaccination requirement, effective August 15th, 2021 as part of Phase I of our Safe Return to Campus Policy, Wesley will require proof of the COVID-19 booster shot from all employees, students, student spouses, and visitors who enter campus under Phase II. Phase II will commence January 3rd of the J-term and Spring Semester of 2022. Please make plans now to receive the booster shot if you have not done so already. In the United States, everyone 16+ is now eligible for the booster, but keep in mind that not everyone is eligible at the same time. A person must wait at least six months since their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to receive the booster if they received either Pfizer or Moderna. If the Johnson & Johnson vaccine was taken a person must wait at least two months from their dose to receive the booster.

Per the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov), studies show that after getting vaccinated against COVID-19, a person's protection against the virus and the ability to prevent infection with variants may decrease over time. The recent emergence of the Omicron variant further illustrates the importance of receiving the booster.

All employees, students, student spouses, and visitors must submit proof that they received the COVID-19 booster shot by January 31st, if eligible. Please alert Maggie Ayres, Director of Human Resources, if you will not be eligible by that time. Proof of your booster shot should be emailed to Maggie via mayres@wesleyseminary.edu.