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TO: Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 
RE: Policy on COVID-19 Immunization Record Requirement for Students

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees decommission the Policy on COVID-19 Immunization Record Requirement for Students.

BACKGROUND:

With the release and availability of COVID-19 vaccines, the Board adopted the Policy on COVID-19 Immunization Record Requirement for Students on June 4, 2021, to maintain the health and safety of the UConn student community.

As COVID-19 transitions to an endemic disease, it is appropriate for the University to no longer require students to receive the COVID-19 vaccine to attend the Storrs or regional campuses. UConn Health maintains a separate policy for its student population.

While the University continues to strongly recommend all students remain up to date with the COVID-19 vaccine, this recommendation mirrors Student Health and Wellness' approach towards influenza vaccines, and it is proposed to align these public health approaches by decommissioning the COVID-19 vaccine requirement for students.

This policy applies to all undergraduate and graduate students at the Storrs and Regional Campuses.

COVID-19 Immunization Record Requirement for Students

Title:	COVID-19 Immunization Record Requirement for Students
Policy Owner:	Division of Student Affairs
Applies to:	All University Students on any UConn Campus
Campus Applicability:	All UConn campuses
Effective Date:	June 4, 2021
For More Information, Contact	Student Health and Wellness Services (SHaW)
Contact Information:	https://studenthealth.uconn.edu/
Official Website:	https://uconn.edu/

1. Reason for Policy

To promote the health and safety of the University community and to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among University students, consistent with federal, state and local efforts to minimize outbreaks of COVID-19.

2. Applies To

All University students at the Storrs and regional campuses who participate in any on- campus activities in person for any reason.

3. Policy Statement

All UConn students are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Students are required to report vaccination compliance to the University.

International students shall be considered in compliance with the COVID-19 vaccine requirement if they have been vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine that has either been authorized for use in the United States by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or been authorized for use outside of the United States by the World Health Organization (WHO). International students must present proof of vaccination in the form of a copy of the WHO Certificate of Vaccination (WHO Vaccine Booklet) or documentation to include a statement signed by a healthcare provider/organization authorized to administer the vaccination attesting to the dates and name of COVID-19 vaccination given. All documentation must be submitted in English or accompanied by a certified translation at the student's expense. International students who have received COVID-19 vaccines not authorized by the FDA or WHO will be managed on a case-by-case basis.

Students who receive an exemption from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement or who are not fully vaccinated prior to the beginning of the Fall 2021 semester will be required to comply with preventative measures as deemed necessary by the University. Such measures may include, but not be limited to, a period of modified quarantine, surveillance testing, and mask-wearing.

Exemptions from this policy will be permitted under certain circumstances. To request an exemption, a student must complete the form [found here for medical exemptions](#) and [here for non-medical exemptions](#).

The University is authorized to enact rules and/or procedures necessary to effectuate this policy.

4. Enforcement

Failure to comply with this policy may result in loss of privileges and/or sanctions.

This policy and any attendant procedures and/or rules may be amended as necessary based on factors such as the progress of the COVID-19 pandemic and guidance from governmental authorities.