Hello URI International Students,

We wanted to send a reminder with some of the most common questions (and answers) regarding the vaccination requirement for Fall 2021. Please note that these requirements may change. You will also find current information here: https://web.uri.edu/healthservices/covid-19-vaccine-information/ If you have questions about your specific vaccination situation, please contact Health Services at health@uri.edu.

Will URI require students to show proof of having the COVID-19 vaccine for the Fall 2021 semester?

All URI students will need to show proof of complete COVID-19 vaccinations or an approved medical or religious exemption by August 16, 2021. However, if you arrive after August 16 and are unable to get a COVID-19 vaccine before arriving in the U.S., you can get vaccinated after you have completed your travel quarantine.

How do I show proof of vaccination?

You will need to upload your vaccination record to the Health Services Patient Portal: https://uri.medicatconnect.com/auth.aspx You will find instructions here: https://web.uri.edu/healthservices/covid-19-vaccine-information/ (under Upload Your Vaccination Records (Students Only))

Please note: New students who are not yet registered for classes may not be able to access the Patient Portal. For questions regarding access to the Patient Portal and uploading documents, please contact Health Services at health@uri.edu.
What if I cannot get the COVID-19 vaccine in my home country?

If you are unable to get the COVID-19 vaccine in your home country, you may get it in Rhode Island when you arrive. Additionally, if you receive only the first Moderna or Pfizer vaccine in your home country, you may get the second dose here in Rhode Island. The timing for your second dose of Pfizer or Moderna does not have to be exactly 21 or 28 days after the first dose. It just cannot be earlier than 21 or 28 days. **Please note:** Students will have to complete their travel quarantine (see below) prior to receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

What if I am not fully vaccinated 14 days prior to arriving at URI?

International students who have not completed their COVID-19 vaccination series at least 14 days prior to arrival in Rhode Island will have to quarantine for 7 days upon arrival to the U.S. Students may get a COVID-19 test on Day 5 after arrival and, if negative, their quarantine will be over on Day 7.

Once your travel quarantine is over, you may go to classes and move about the campus, however, you must wear a mask and keep socially distant from others. For the 14 days following the completion of your COVID-19 vaccine, you will have to wear a mask and maintain social distance at all times, indoors and outside.

What does travel quarantine mean?

Students who must quarantine due to travel will have to stay in their residence hall or off-campus housing and only leave for essentials. Students in quarantine must also wear a mask around others (both indoors and outside) and maintain social distancing. Students residing on campus will be able to pick up takeaway meals from the dining hall
and all students may seek medical care if required; this includes getting a COVID-19 test at Health Services, or another testing site, on Day 5 after arrival. More international travel information is available here.

**Where can I get tested for COVID-19?**

Testing will be available on campus. The schedule will be posted here: https://web.uri.edu/healthservices/covid-testing-hours/

**Where can I get vaccinated in Rhode Island?**

After completing your travel quarantine, students may get vaccinated on campus at the vaccine clinics listed here: https://web.uri.edu/healthservices/covid-19-vaccine-information/ Vaccines are also available at local pharmacies and OISS and Health Services staff will be happy to provide guidance on which pharmacies to go to and how to get there.

**What restrictions will I have while I await the completion of my COVID-19 vaccination series?**

Once your travel quarantine is over, you may go to classes and move about the campus, however, you must wear a mask and keep socially distant from others. For the 14 days following the completion of your COVID-19 vaccine, you will have to wear a mask and maintain social distance at all times, indoors and outside.

If you are exposed prior to being fully vaccinated, you may quarantine with your roommate if your roommate is vaccinated. If not, you will have to find space off campus on your own.
Two weeks after your final dose, you are considered fully vaccinated and no longer have to mask or observe social distancing. If there is an outbreak or you are exposed, you do not have to quarantine.

**Which COVID-19 vaccines will URI Health Services accept?**

URI will accept any FDA and WHO approved vaccines. Currently, these include:

- Sinopharm
- Sinovac
- Pfizer/BioNTech
- AstraZeneca/Oxford
- Serum Institute of India (Covishield)
- Janssen (Johnson & Johnson)
- Moderna

Please [check here](#) for any newly approved vaccines by the FDA and/or WHO.

**I received only one dose of a WHO approved vaccine in my country, but it is not available in the United States. What should I do?**

You will need to receive a full vaccination series of a FDA approved vaccine available in the U.S. Health Services will help you determine the date that you can begin the vaccination series.

**Do I need to complete an exemption form for the COVID-19 vaccine?**

Health Services understands that some students may not be able to get vaccinated in their home country before travel. Health Services asks that these students complete and
submit a religious exemption. Please note that this is a change in information sent out previously. This is a temporary solution to avoid the vaccine hold. Once you have arrived and have completed your vaccinations in Rhode Island, you can update your records in the patient portal to show your vaccinated status.

Do I still need to be vaccinated if I have already tested positive for COVID-19?

Yes, antibodies and vaccinations are two different things. Therefore, even students who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past are required to show proof of vaccination or have an approved exemption.

If you have any other questions regarding the COVID-19 or other vaccination requirements, travel quarantine, or anything else related to health, please contact Health Services at health@uri.edu.

Best,

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