

GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING A VACCINE REQUIREMENT FOR IN-PERSON UNIVERSITY EVENT

The purpose of these guidelines is to assist University of Washington units, event organizers and venue operators in establishing a vaccine requirement for University sponsored, organized or hosted events within applicable non-discrimination, privacy laws and policies. Adopting vaccine requirements for events helps prevent COVID-19 transmission during in-person events in accordance with the [Washington Ready](#) re-opening plan, state and local worker safety rules, and public health guidance, and the University's [COVID-19 Prevention Plan](#).

These event guidelines are in addition to, and not a replacement for, adherence to the [University of Washington's COVID-19 Vaccination Policy](#). In addition, any event adopting a vaccination requirement must still continue to comply with state, local, and University [face covering requirements](#).

Adopting a vaccination requirement for an event is encouraged by the University and may be required by a unit or event organizer so long as these guidelines [and COVID-19 Prevention Guidelines for In Person Events](#) or specific state and local guidelines, as applicable, are followed (e.g., athletics, performing arts).

APPLICABILITY

These guidelines apply to all University sponsored, organized, or hosted events regardless of location, with the following exceptions:

- If state or local public health measures specially dictate otherwise (e.g., [large spectator and athletic events](#), [youth programming](#))
- If the event is subject to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act
- For University donor events, units may consult with central University Advancement to establish appropriate alternative means of participation for unvaccinated individuals

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University units and event organizer(s) may require vaccines at all other University sponsored, organized or hosted events under the following guidelines:

1. Participants receive advance notice of the vaccination requirement.
2. Vaccine verification is performed at the event and in a way that does not result in collecting or retaining records with individual's vaccination status or other personal health information. One example of a permissible verification is a "card check" upon entry where no record of the card is retained. Event organizers may not collect advance confirmation or documentation (e.g. photo of card, attestation) of participants' vaccination status, but they can and should indicate on an invitation that the event will require vaccination.

3. The following are included as acceptable [proof of vaccination](#):
 - a. CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card or photo of the card;
 - b. Documentation of vaccination from a health care provider or electronic health record;
 - c. State immunization information system record; or
 - d. For an individual who was vaccinated outside of the United States, a reasonable equivalent of any of the above.

The vaccination record must show the name of the person vaccinated, the type of vaccine provided, and the date the last dose was administered. Self-reported vaccination alone is not acceptable proof.

4. Proof of a negative test result from a COVID-19 viral polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test taken within 72 hours of the event is included as an alternative means of access to the event. Rapid antigen test results are not acceptable proof to meet this requirement. Event organizers are also encouraged to provide options to view or participate in the event in an alternative format for unvaccinated participants (e.g., livestream, recording).

The viral test result record must show the name of the person tested, type of test performed, the entity issuing the result (e.g., laboratory, health care entity), test sample collection date, and the test result. Self-reported negative test results that are not from a test provider, a laboratory, or a healthcare provider cannot be accepted.