COVID-19 VACCINATION VERIFICATION GUIDANCE FOR VENUES AND IN-PERSON UNIVERSITY EVENTS

Effective March 1, 2022, vaccine verification is no longer required at events or entertainment or recreational venues (e.g., museums, theaters, fitness centers). UW event organizers or venue managers may still choose to require proof of vaccination or a negative test for entry to a specific venue or event.

This guidance supplements the University's COVID-19 Prevention Guidelines for In Person Events and helps to ensure that vaccine verification (if applied) is implemented in accordance with applicable non-discrimination and privacy laws and policies. This guidance is in addition to, and not a replacement for, adherence to the University of Washington's COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement and the University's Face Covering Policy.

SCOPE OF VACCINATION VERIFICATION GUIDANCE

This guidance may be applied by a UW event organizer or venue manager to:

- patrons/attendees at a specific University venue or;
- a University sponsored, organized, or hosted event in a University location.

This guidance does not apply to University event staff (including University personnel, volunteers, contractors, and vendors). Event staff follow the University's COVID-19 vaccination requirements and requirements for contractors and vendors working on site.

This guidance does not apply to University business and research activities and academic instruction. These activities are not considered events and follow the requirements in the University's COVID-19 Prevention Plan.

The following are exceptions to this guidance:

- Children under the age of 12
- The event is subject to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.
- Voting centers sanctioned by County Elections at any location
- If state or local public health measures specially dictate otherwise (e.g., youth programming)

IMPLEMENTATION OF VACCINATION VERIFICATION ENTRY REQUIREMENT

If applied, vaccine verification must be conducted under the following guidelines:

1. Attendees must receive advance notice of the vaccination (or negative COVID-19 test result) requirement in all communications (including reservations and ticketing, visible poster of requirement at venue entrance).
2. Vaccine verification is performed at the event or venue and in a way that does not result in collecting or retaining records with individual's vaccination status or other personal health information.
   a. One example of a permissible verification is a “card check” at entry where no record of the card is retained.
      i. Individuals verifying vaccination at entry may be personnel (includes student workers) and volunteers. All individuals verifying vaccination must be trained on acceptable proof (see below) and confidentiality of personal health information.
   b. Event organizers may not collect advance confirmation or documentation of participants' vaccination status, but they can and should indicate on an invitation that the event will require proof of vaccination for entry.
   c. Train staff, create an implementation plan, and prepare for customer/patron communications.

3. The following vaccines are accepted for verification and have been authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or World Health Organization (WHO): Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson/Janssen, AstraZeneca, Sinopharm-BBIBP, Sinovac, Novavax, COVAXIN and Covovax.

4. The following are included as acceptable proof of vaccination. Additional identification is not required:
   a. CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card, copy, or photo of the card;
      i. The vaccination record must show the name of the person vaccinated, the type of vaccine provided, and the date the last dose was administered.
      ii. Full vaccination is valid two weeks after the last recorded dose.
   b. A printed record of vaccination from a vaccine provider (includes a doctor or pharmacy) or an electronic medical record printout verified by a health care provider;
   c. Electronic health record from MyIRMobile.com, WAverify.org, or other mobile app (includes Certificate of COVID-19 Vaccination or QR Code);
   d. State immunization information system record printout;
   e. For an individual who was vaccinated outside of the United States, a reasonable equivalent of any of the above.

5. Negative COVID-19 test result as an alternative to providing vaccine verification for entry. Individuals may provide digital or printed documentation from a testing provider (e.g., the UW Husky Coronavirus Testing program, WA DOH COVID-19 testing sites, a laboratory, health care provider, pharmacy) of:
a. A negative test result from an FDA-approved COVID-19 molecular (e.g., polymerase chain reaction (PCR)) test taken within the 72 hours prior to the event/venue entrance;

b. A negative test result from an FDA-approved COVID-19 antigen (aka. rapid) test administered by a testing provider within the 72 hours prior to the event/venue entrance;

c. FDA-approved or authorized molecular tests can also be referred to as PCR, reverse transcription PCR (RT-PCR), real-time reverse transcription PCR (rRT-PCR), Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT), transcription mediated amplification (TMA) assay, reverse transcription loop mediated isothermal amplification (RT-LAMP) test. FDA-approved or authorized antigen tests can also be referred to as rapid antigen tests, or lateral flow immunoassays.

d. The test result record must show the name of the person tested, type of test performed, the entity issuing the result, test sample collection date, and the test result. Additional identification is not required.

e. Rapid tests used without the supervision of a testing provider (e.g., self-administered over the counter tests, or home tests) will not be accepted.

6. Some people with disabilities may not have access to their vaccine information or the ability to use vaccine verification apps. If a person declares or is perceived to have a disability and cannot provide proof of vaccine, verbal communication of their vaccination status should be accepted instead of physical proof. For individuals with disabilities who are unvaccinated, a verbal declaration that they have a negative COVID-19 test result from a test taken within the 72 hours prior to the event/venue entrance is acceptable.

7. Medical and religious vaccine exemptions are not accepted in place of vaccine verification or documentation of a negative COVID-19 test.

8. Event organizers are also encouraged to provide options to view or participate in the event in an alternative format (e.g., livestream, recording) if a vaccine verification entry requirement is applied to the event.