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| To: | School Administrator/Employer |
| From: | Costi Sifri, MDProfessor and Director, Hospital Epidemiology |
| Date: | August 31, 2021 |
| Re: | Vaccination Requirement for Visiting Students |

UVA Health is committed to protecting the health and safety of our patients, team members and community and providing a safe training environment for students. In the current public health situation, vaccination for COVID-19 is a crucial and simple way to keep our patients, team members and students safe. Therefore, effective immediately, all students participating in a practicum/preceptorship or other formal training at UVA Health must be fully vaccinated prior to beginning their training.

The student is considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks past their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine. Due to the difficulties of operationalizing and standardizing review and approval processes for exceptions for non-UVA students, UVA Health will not grant any exceptions nor will we recognize any exceptions granted by the student’s home school or employer.

Consistent with the documentation requirements for other required health screenings and immunizations (see UVA Health Policy HSG-008 [Management of Student Practicum/Preceptorships — Documentation Site (virginia.edu](http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/docs/health-system/governance/management-of-student-practicum-preceptorships)), the student’s home school or employer is responsible for providing (1) a list of the student(s) being placed and (2) a letter (or Employee/Student Health form) stating that the student has received the COVID-19 vaccine and that proof of vaccination is on file with the student’s home school/employer.  If participating in ACEMAPP, the student’s home school or employer must submit the required information using ACEMAPP.  Otherwise, the information must be sent to the instructor via email.

In addition, in accordance with Health System Policy HSG-008, all students must also comply at all times with Medical Center, UPG and Health System policies and procedures.  This includes, but is not limited to, compliance with any and all requirements related to daily health screenings, masking, and the use of other personal protective equipment to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

 Thank you for helping us protect UVA Health’s patients, staff, and students in these challenging times.