

## **Bryant University Policies for Student COVID-19 Vaccinations and Masking for Fall Semester 2021**

### **I. Student Vaccination Requirement**

- A. After careful consultation with government and public health officials, Bryant University will require that all students be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (i.e., that students have received one or two doses of the vaccine, in accordance with the number of doses recommended by the manufacturer and 14 days have passed since the final dose) prior to their arrival on campus for the [2021 fall semester](#), except for those students for whom exemptions for medical, religious or other reasons have been approved as provided for under this policy, see I.D. below. For those students who may be receiving vaccinations outside of the United States, the University will accept documentation of COVID-19 vaccines for which the World Health Organization has issued an [Emergency Use Listing](#).
- B. Students will be required to email confirmation of their COVID-19 vaccination to Health Services at [bhs@bryant.edu](mailto:bhs@bryant.edu).
- C. For tracking purposes, COVID-19 Vaccine Holds will become active on August 1, 2021, for students who have not satisfied the vaccine requirement. Students are asked to provide proof of vaccination by no later than August 10, 2021. While under a Vaccine Hold, residential students will be unable to receive their residential room keys, first-year commuter students will be unable to receive their Bryant laptop computer, and other commuter students will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- D. Students requesting an exemption from the vaccination requirement for medical, religious or other reasons must complete and submit the attached form (also located at [covid.bryant.edu](https://covid.bryant.edu)) and submit to [studentaffairs@bryant.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@bryant.edu). Any information that is submitted in support of a request will be handled with the utmost privacy in compliance with all applicable privacy laws.
- E. Decisions on exemption requests shall be made within ten (10) business days of receipt.
- F. For students who have been granted exemptions, the University retains its discretion to modify housing assignments as it deems necessary to protect public health and safety.
- G. Students enrolled in online degree programs and individuals participating in online-only continuing education programs will not be required to be vaccinated unless they come to campus to visit (for instance, to use the dining, library, fitness center, and other facilities.)
- H. Bryant's COVID-19 vaccination and masking policies and guidelines will remain in place as members of our community are vaccinated and return to campus. Students are expected to remain aware of these and all updated policies and guidelines relating to the University's

COVID-19 health and safety measures. Students should regularly view the University's COVID Information web page, [covid.bryant.edu](https://covid.bryant.edu), for information.

## **II. Masking**

- A. Students who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (have received one or two doses of the vaccine, in accordance with the number of doses recommended by the manufacturer and 14 days have passed since the final dose) are not required to wear a mask indoors or outdoors on campus.
- B. Students who are fully vaccinated and feel more comfortable wearing a mask are encouraged to continue to do so.
- C. Students not fully vaccinated must wear a mask indoors. Outdoors, students not fully vaccinated must wear a mask in crowded places and when they are unable to maintain three (3) feet distance.

Questions on these policies may be directed to the Office of Student Affairs. The University reserves the right to update and modify these policies as needed to comply with changing state and federal health and safety guidelines or other reasons.

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