# Point Park University Vaccine Requirement for 2021-2022 Academic Year

Point Park University is excited to return to campus and classes for the 2021-2022 academic year. The health and safety of our students, faculty and staff is paramount, and the University will need to take necessary steps in order to continue to experience the success of the return to campus processes, procedures and protocols.

COVID-19, as we are all aware, is a highly contagious respiratory illness where individuals can experience a range of symptoms and severity of illness, including death. COVID-19 vaccines have shown to be safe and highly effective at reducing illness and the spread of the virus. All three vaccines, Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson and Johnson have been approved for distribution and use in the fight against this virus and the variants that have been discovered.

Based on the success of these vaccines, and to protect our University community from the spread of COVID-19, Point Park University will require COVID-19 vaccinations for all students participating in face-to-face classes or campus activities for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Students with a valid medical or religious reason will be permitted to apply for an exemption. The process for filing an exemption is listed at the end of this announcement.

Point Park University also currently requires students to be immunized for a number of other viruses mandated by the federal government. These viruses include measles, mumps and rubella, and meningitis.

### **Submission of Vaccine Records**

Please refer to this link <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/dB1VWBv3uN">https://forms.office.com/r/dB1VWBv3uN</a> to complete the online COVID-19 information survey.

**Note:** You will need your COVID-19 vaccination records in order to complete this survey.

The completed survey must be received before you are permitted on campus for the fall term. Failure to submit the survey with complete vaccine information before arriving on campus will compromise your ability to reside in campus housing and attend classes.

#### **Submission of a Vaccine Waiver**

Point Park University will permit students with a valid medical or religious reason to apply for a vaccination exemption.

All waiver requests must be received by August 1, 2021 for the fall term.

To request a waiver,

- Download and complete the <u>COVID-19 Immunization Waiver</u> form
- Send the completed form and any required documentation to the Student Health Center
  - By email to <u>studenthealth@pointpark.edu</u> OR
  - o By fax to 412-392-3801 OR
  - By US Mail to Student Health Center, Point Park University, 201
     Wood Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

## **An Exciting New Year**

Point Park University is looking forward to an exciting new academic year in 2021-2022. The return to campus will allow for students, faculty and staff to experience the energy of our downtown campus and all of the benefits our urban location affords to our campus community. By enacting this vaccine mandate, the University will be able to provide a safe and healthy learning environment.

## **Questions?**

Please contact the Health Services Office at <a href="mailto:studenthealth@pointpark.edu">studenthealth@pointpark.edu</a> or at (412) 392-3800 if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Welcome back Pioneers!