

## **COVID-19 VACCINATION COMPLIANCE PROCESS**

Students required to be vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2 shall submit proof of vaccination, or the information needed to obtain an online/remote, medical or religious waiver from the vaccine requirement, to the Decker Student Health Services Center. Submission is accomplished through the “Uploads” section of the student health portal (<https://binghamton.medicatconnect.com>). Students will be notified of the approval or denial of their requests via the Secure Messaging function of the student health portal.

### Proof of vaccination

Proof of vaccination against the SARS-CoV-2 virus is defined as the following:

1. Copy of a vaccine record indicating receipt of all doses necessary to complete an FDA approved, or World Health Organization approved, SARS-CoV-2 vaccine series.
2. Each page of the submitted documents must have students first name and last name, and their date of birth or B-number.
3. The submitted record must include the specific name of the vaccine(s) given as shown on the first or second column of the World Health Organization’s “[Status of COVID-19 Vaccines within WHO EUL/PQ evaluation process](#)” document and the date(s) that any vaccine was given.

## **EXEMPTIONS FROM THE VACCINE REQUIREMENT**

Students who are granted an exemption from the SARS-CoV-2 vaccine requirement are subject to special obligations to enable them to remain on-campus, as outlined in Binghamton University’s Fall 2021 Operational Guidance.

Exemptions from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement are allowed for students who are fully online/remote, for medical reasons, and for religious reasons.

### Online/Remote Student Exemption

Students whose course of study is entirely web-based or fully remote may be exempted from the vaccine requirement. These students must have no physical presence on campus, including the use of on-campus services, for the entire academic term.

#### Exemption Process:

Students requesting an exemption due to online/remote status are required to submit a signed “COVID-19 Remote/Online Student Attestation” to the Decker Student Health Services Center. This form is available on the COVID-19 page of the health services website.

### Medical Exemption

Students with a medical contraindication to COVID-19 vaccination may be granted a waiver from the vaccine requirement. Reasonable accommodations shall be granted to these students so long as the failure to be vaccinated does not prevent the student from otherwise fulfilling the programmatic or curricular requirements of their academic program.

#### Exemption Process:

Requests for medical exemption will be reviewed by the Medical Director, or their designee. Only contraindications noted on any future “Vaccine Information Statement” or the current “EUA Fact Sheet for Recipients” pertaining to the relevant COVID-19 vaccine will be considered valid reasons to avoid vaccination, and contraindications to one vaccine type may not be a valid reason to avoid vaccination with all COVID-19 vaccines.

Students wishing a medical exemption shall submit the following documentation to the Decker Student Health Services Center.

- A written certification from a licensed medical provider which indicates the nature of the contraindication to vaccination, and the length of time the contraindication is expected to exist.
- The certification must include the legible name, credentials, and contact information of the certifying provider.

### Religious Exemption

Students who hold genuine and sincere religious beliefs which are contrary to COVID-19 vaccination may be exempted from this requirement.

#### Exemption Process:

Students requesting a religious exemption shall submit a written statement, addressed to Binghamton University, explaining how receiving a COVID-19 vaccination conflicts with their religious beliefs or practices. General philosophical or moral objections to the COVID-19 vaccine will not result in approval of a religious exemption. The statement must be written and signed by the student, or the student’s parent/guardian if they are under the age of 18.

Submissions in which do not clearly meet the exemption criteria will be forwarded to a small committee of senior Binghamton University administrators. This group may ask for further information, or may decide to approve or deny the request. Regardless of the process used, students will be notified of the status of their request by Secure Message in the student health portal.