



Travelling to the US

Frequently Asked Questions - SPRING 2022

Is it required to be vaccinated to travel to the US? As of November 8, 2021, non-citizen, non-immigrant travelers to the U.S., including F-1 students and their adult dependents over the age of 18, are required to prove that they are fully vaccinated before boarding their flight. For more information and exemptions to this policy, visit [CDC Non-U.S. citizen, Non-U.S. immigrants: Air Travel to the United States](#).

Do I need a negative COVID-19 test to travel to the US? If so when/how many days before travel? Yes. If you are fully vaccinated: proof of vaccination and a negative COVID-19 test result taken no more than 3 days before travel. If you are NOT fully vaccinated: a negative COVID-19 test result taken no more than 1 day before travel.

Once I arrive in the US, am I required to take another COVID-19 test before starting classes on-campus/moving to campus housing? All unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students will need to take another COVID-19 test within 3-5 days of arriving on campus. They will need to schedule a COVID-19 vaccination within 7-10 days of arriving on campus. For more detailed information please see the international student [COVID Vaccination FAQ](#).

Once I arrive in the US, am I required to self-quarantine? If yes, for how long? Yes, all students who are arriving from overseas and are not fully vaccinated will be required to self quarantine for 7-10 days depending on the results of their post arrival COVID test. Students living on campus will be provided an appropriate self-quarantine location. Students living off campus will need to self quarantine in their off campus residence. For more detailed information please see the international student [COVID Vaccination FAQ](#).

If I am required to self-quarantine, is university housing able to accommodate this for me? University housing is available for students with a self-quarantine requirement who live on campus.

If I am required to self-quarantine, will orientation or classes start online or do I need to arrive in the US early to meet quarantine requirements? Spring 2022 Orientation will be hybrid. Students will not be able to attend in-person classes or in-person campus events unless they are fully vaccinated or submitted a medical/religious exemption. We recommend arriving to the U.S. early to meet the requirements for quarantine and vaccination.

Am I able to get the COVID-19 vaccine in the US as an international student? Yes. Individuals ages 5 and older in the state of Virginia are able to receive the vaccine.

Is the university delivering COVID-19 vaccines to international students? Yes. George Mason University is offering vaccines to those ages 12 and older.

If so, how and when will this be arranged? Students can schedule an appointment for a vaccine, after they have completed their quarantine, at one of Mason's vaccination clinics. For links to schedule an appointment, please click [here](#). Note that if you require additional immunizations for other required vaccinations, contact Student Health Services at immunize@gmu.edu in order to get guidance around scheduling other required vaccinations.

If not, where and how can I get the vaccine? If students wish to be vaccinated off campus, select vaccines are available at pharmacies in Virginia. More information can be found [here](#).

How much does the vaccine cost? The vaccine is free of cost.

Is there on-campus support to help me with the vaccination registration? Yes. Both George Mason University and INTO Mason have vaccine support available through Student Experience teams.

Is a COVID-19 vaccine required to attend class on campus? Yes, to attend class on campus you must either be vaccinated or been granted an exemption to the vaccination requirement due to health or religious reasons. International students who arrive on campus unvaccinated will be granted an extension to the vaccine deadline and will be allowed to attend classes on campus following their self-quarantine period and negative Covid-19 test. For more information please see the international student [COVID Vaccination FAQ](#) and the international student Vaccine and Quarantine information email [here](#).