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To All Students,

California and the nation have entered a new phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, with cases declining and vaccination rates increasing. With the intention of safeguarding our community, American Jewish University has implemented a **mandatory vaccination policy**.

The COVID-19 vaccination policy applies to all students of the University, **except** those who are studying in completely remote degrees or programs and will not be visiting either AJU campus (Familian Campus and Brandeis-Bardin Campus). In accordance with American Jewish University's duty to provide and maintain a learning environment and workplace that is free of known hazards, we are adopting this policy to safeguard the health of our employees, students, and their families; our customers and visitors; and the community at large from infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, that may be reduced by vaccinations. In making this decision, the executive leadership team reviewed recommendations from the California Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and local health officials.

All students returning to campus this Fall 2021 semester must submit their proof of vaccination no later than August 9, 2021 (instructions below) as a condition of enrollment, unless receiving an approved exemption for medical or religious reasons. To give you the maximum time to meet this requirement, we recommend you receive your final vaccination at least two weeks before August 9, and no later than July 30, 2021. An individual who does not observe the University's COVID-19 Infection Control Procedures, regardless of vaccination status, will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of enrollment.

Individuals seeking an exemption from this requirement should complete a  [Religious Accommodation](#) or  [Medical Exemption](#) COVID-19 Vaccination Form and submit the form to the Office of Academic Affairs at academicaffairs@aju.edu. The forms are available to download online using the above links (**you must be signed into your AJU Microsoft/Email account**) and attached in a PDF format for your convenience. Proof of vaccination may include a physician's note, a pharmacy receipt, copy of the COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card, or copy of vaccination consent form showing that you have received all required doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccination records will be stored separately from the general student files and records are protected from unauthorized disclosure.

The COVID-19 vaccine is available to the public at no cost. For assistance finding a vaccine administration location, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/How-Do-I-Get-a-COVID-19-Vaccine.html>.

Instructions to upload your proof of vaccination.

1. Scan or take a photo of your vaccination card
2. Log into your AJU Microsoft Account using your AJU Email Address
3. Upload your scan or photo at: <http://bit.ly/studentc19vaccination>

Should you have any questions regarding this new policy, please contact the Office of Academic Affairs at academicaffairs@aju.edu.