Vaccination Requirement for Visiting Scholars, Researchers, and other Temporary Community Members

All temporary community members with a regular presence on campus starting June 21, 2021 are required to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. This requirement will apply to those at Stanford locations in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, including the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, as well as SAL3 in Livermore and Hopkins Marine Station.

For the purposes of this policy, temporary community members include:
- Visitors with extended academic or research appointments administered by a Stanford school, department, or unit (e.g. visiting scholars, researchers, adjunct faculty, teaching staff) on campus at least once a week, for four weeks or more;
- Non-degree or non-matriculated students on campus at least once a week, for three weeks or More;
- Independent contractors who are working on campus.

This requirement is intended to align with Stanford’s policy requiring all students, faculty, staff, and postdoctoral scholars to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, and the COVID-19 Vaccine Governance Committee’s determination that vaccines are crucial to having a safe, healthy environment at Stanford and in our broader community.

Meeting the Vaccination Requirement

This requirement can be met by COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized for emergency use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson (J&J)/Janssen), as listed on this site; and vaccines that have been authorized for emergency use by the World Health Organization (e.g. AstraZeneca/Oxford, Sinopharm, Sinovac-CoronaVac), as listed on this site.

In general, people are considered fully vaccinated:
- Two weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- Two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine.

Individuals can refer to the Health Alerts vaccinations page for more information on how to get vaccinated:
Vaccination Status and Verification

Temporary community members with SUNET IDs: Individuals should provide their vaccination status on Health Check. Individuals will be asked to provide details, including dates and manufacturer of vaccine received, as well as upload proof of vaccination such as a vaccine card, doctor’s letter, or official government document.

Temporary community members without SUNET IDs: Hosting departments or program contacts must sponsor each affiliate with at least a basic SUNet ID. Those members who do not have a basic SUNet ID sponsorship should contact their hosting department or program contact. Members who have a sponsored SUNet ID but have not created a SUNet ID should refer to the SUNet ID page for further information.

Exemptions and Required Testing

We understand that some temporary community members may need accommodations for Medical or religious reasons. Non-student community members can review the Stanford COVID-19 Medical and Religious Accommodation page for information on the criteria and process for accommodation. Non-matriculated students can review the student Vaccination Requirements Page for further details.

Individuals with accommodations must follow the same policy as Stanford employees and students who are not fully vaccinated, which may include participation in regular COVID-19 testing and wearing face coverings.