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Booster Requirement & Reentry Testing for All Stevenson Students – Spring 2022 Semester

Dear Stevenson Students,

Happy new year and we hope that you are enjoying your well-deserved break!

To help you prepare for your return to campus for in-person classes and activities this Spring 2022 semester, we're contacting you about our new COVID vaccine booster and reentry testing requirements for all undergraduate resident and commuter students, as well as Psy.D. and Stevenson University Online (SUO) bachelor's and graduate students who use campus facilities.

In light of the national upsurge in COVID cases, especially those related to the Omicron variant, we are taking these additional steps to help ensure your health and safety and that of our campus community this semester.

Step 1: Booster Requirement

The CDC and other public health authorities have shown that boosters help to prevent or limit COVID symptoms and severe illness among vaccinated individuals. Stevenson is now requiring boosters for all vaccinated undergraduate resident and commuter students, as well as Psy.D. and Stevenson University Online (SUO) bachelor's and graduate students who use campus facilities.

Students who are eligible to receive a booster (see guidelines below) are required to get one and upload their status to the SU Wellness Center Patient Portal by January 24, 2022, before returning for the Spring semester.

- **Get a booster now while you are home on break.** You will need a booster by January 24 if you are
 - 5 months or more past your second dose of the **Pfizer** vaccine.
 - 5 months or more past your second dose of the **Moderna** vaccine.
 - 2 months or more past your one-time dose of the **Johnson & Johnson** vaccine.

For students not yet in these ranges, the SU Wellness Center will contact you directly when you become eligible to get your booster.

- **Schedule a booster appointment in advance at one of many available locations.** COVID boosters are free of charge and widely available. The following sites can help you find vaccination and booster locations:
 - **Maryland:** [Maryland: Find a Vaccination Site Near You](#)
 - **Delaware:** <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/vaccine/where-can-i-get-my-vaccine/>

- **Pennsylvania:**
<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Vaccine/Pages/Vaccine.aspx>
 - **New Jersey:** <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/finder>
 - **New York:** <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>
 - **The CDC has a helpful site for nationwide searches based on your zip code:**
<https://www.vaccines.gov/search/>
- **Take your COVID Vaccination Card to your booster appointment** so that the healthcare provider can record the date and type of booster you receive for your official records.
 - **Upload a photo of your updated COVID Vaccination Card to the confidential [SU Wellness Center Patient Portal](#) by January 24.**

The following CDC site has helpful information and FAQs about COVID-19 vaccine boosters: [COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots](#).

Step 2: Reentry Test Requirement for Students

Stevenson is now requiring all students, regardless of vaccination status, to submit a negative COVID test prior to their arrival on campus for the Spring 2022 semester. This includes all undergraduate resident and commuter students, as well as Psy.D. and Stevenson University Online (SUO) bachelor's and graduate students who use campus facilities.

Later this week, we will be sending all students instructions for the Spring 2022 reentry testing requirement. Please be on the lookout for that follow-up communication.

Keeping Ourselves and Our Community Safe

COVID-19 boosters and reentry testing give us additional ways to create a safe and healthy campus so you can focus on the classes, activities, and events that you value about your Stevenson campus experience.

If you should have any specific questions about the COVID booster, we encourage you to reach out to your primary care physician or to the SU Wellness Center at wellness@stevenson.edu.

Thank you for your continued efforts to keep Stevenson safe. We look forward to your return to campus later this month.

Sincerely,

The SU Wellness Center

and

SU COVID Core Operations Team