



STEVENSON UNIVERSITY COVID-19 STUDENT VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

ASSUMPTION OF RISK REGARDING EXEMPTION OR DECLINATION OF REQUIRED COVID-19 VACCINATION

STUDENT NAME: _____ STUDENT ID #: _____

STUDENT EMAIL: _____ STUDENT PHONE: _____

COVID-19 is a highly contagious respiratory virus that affects people of all ages. This virus can cause long-term medical problems and death, regardless of age. This virus spreads through respiratory droplets and up to 50% or more of people can be infected without realizing it. According to available scientific data, COVID-19 vaccines are safe and highly effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death. When large numbers within a population are immunized, viral spread will be significantly limited. Each individual of a community contributes to this protective approach. Information regarding COVID-19 vaccine safety can be found at: [Vaccines for COVID-19 | CDC](#)

Choosing to forego vaccination puts one at increased risk for getting the disease with and/or experiencing long-term medical problems or death. Individuals who elect not to be vaccinated against COVID-19 may also put others they interact with at risk.

Due to these risks Stevenson University reserves the right to implement policies and procedures to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 infections within the campus community. Those who do not receive the COVID-19 vaccine remain at greater risk of contracting COVID-19 and spreading it to others.

Any unvaccinated student, regardless of exemption status (18 years of age and older) will be asked to sign this Assumption of Risk. This document indicates that they have chosen not to become vaccinated for COVID-19 and that they are assuming certain risks associated with vaccine-preventable disease. For individuals under 18 years of age, the parent or guardian of the individual must review the information on the risks associated with vaccine-preventable disease and sign this Assumption of Risk document which indicates that the individual has chosen not to have the student vaccinated against these diseases.

I hereby acknowledge that I have received and reviewed the information hereby provided on the risk of vaccine-preventable disease and the effectiveness and availability of vaccinations. I understand that all students residing in on-campus student housing and/or enrolled in classes are required by Stevenson University to receive the COVID-19 vaccination per Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommended vaccination schedule unless the individual signs an Assumption of Risk upon declining vaccination. I also understand that any Stevenson student taking in person courses during the 2022-23 academic year who does not comply with the university's vaccination requirement (including those who have been granted a medical or religious exemption) may be required to comply with COVID-19 risk mitigation strategies. I further understand that the university's COVID-19 mitigation strategies may change throughout the year as positivity rates change. Current mitigation strategies that the university may pursue include but are not limited to the following:

Effective August 2022

- Re-entry testing (no earlier than 10 days before the student intends to return to campus) regardless of whether they live on- or off-campus.
- Weekly surveillance testing beginning with the week before classes begin and continuing through finals week. Testing may occur each semester and be required by any unvaccinated student enrolled at the university.
- Mandatory reporting to the Wellness Center by any student who develops COVID-like symptoms and ongoing use of Symptom Tracker/Isolation and Quarantine Monitoring form daily as required by the Wellness Center. Please note: Allergy or mild cold symptoms such as, stuffy nose can also be a symptom of COVID. Report any symptoms even if they think it may just be due to allergies.
- Quarantine requirement if identified by the university as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Any such student must quarantine* at their permanent address for 5 days from the last exposure date with a PCR test on day 5.
- Isolation requirement upon testing positive for COVID-19 or, if classified by the university based on symptoms as a likely positive case of COVID-19. Any such student must

isolate* at their permanent address for a minimum of 5 days (determined by length of symptoms).

- For on campus residents: If it is not possible for them to quarantine or isolate at their permanent address, they understand that there will be very limited quarantine and isolation space available on campus or at a local hotel and that they cannot, under any circumstances remain in their assigned on-campus residential space if they are identified as a close contact or test positive for COVID-19.

**It is important to note that most classes may not have a "virtual option" in the coming academic year. Students will have to work with each faculty member to collect class materials and to complete work that they may miss while in quarantine or isolation.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK:

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and reviewed the information provided above concerning both the risks of being unvaccinated and benefits of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. I have chosen NOT to be vaccinated and HEREBY KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISKS STATED HEREIN and AGREE TO COMPLY WITH any Stevenson University REQUIREMENTS associated with this decision.

Signature of student _____ Date

Student PRINTED name _____

Signature of parent/legal guardian if student is under age 18 _____ Date

Parent/guardian PRINTED name _____