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### For more information about where you can get vaccinated in the United States:

Please check the [vaccines.gov website \(External Site\)](#) or text your zip code to this phone number: 438829.

For additional information about vaccination locations in Maine, you also can check the [Maine Government COVID-19 Vaccine site \(External Site\)](#). COVID-19 vaccinations in Maine are plentiful, free and easy to obtain.

### For instructions on using the online service to provide your vaccination information:

[Visit our vaccination verification guide.](#)

### To go directly to the online service:

[Verify your vaccination status \(External Site\).](#)

### To see the full University of Maine System student vaccination policy:

Please see the specific drop down menu portion of this web page.

### Getting a second shot at a different provider than your first shot:

You can receive a 2nd shot of vaccine when required at a different clinic than where you received your first shot.

When seeking a second dose in Maine at a location other than where the first shot was given, you should notify the clinic where you are seeking your second dose. The time to receive a second Pfizer dose is 21 days after the first dose. For Moderna, it is 28 days. Avoid mixing and matching vaccines.

Maine CDC recommends that you bring their vaccination card to your 2nd shot. If you have lost your card, you can still get a shot. You should inform the clinic that it is your second shot.

To replace a lost vaccination card or find a vaccination location, please see the information below.

### To request an exemption from the vaccination requirement:

Exemptions under the current policy may be requested for documented medical contraindications, sincerely held religious beliefs, or for those engaged in remote learning only. For instructions on how to request an exemption or to check the status of an exemption request, [visit our vaccination verification guide.](#)

### How to replace your COVID-19 vaccination card:

If you are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 but cannot find your vaccination card, these are the steps you can take to acquire a record that can be uploaded to the University of Maine System's (UMS) vaccination verification portal. The University of Maine System only requires a digital copy of your vaccination card to complete verification.

- **Photo of Your Vaccination Card:** If you have a photo of your card on a phone or other device, please visit the vaccination verification portal and follow the steps to upload an image.
- **Contact Your Medical Provider or Primary Care Physician:** Contact your provider to ask if they can provide proof of vaccination from your medical records or by accessing your state's immunization registry and provide a record or letter verifying your status for upload to the University of Maine System portal with the type of COVID-19 Vaccine administered and dates.
- **Contact Your Pharmacy:** If you were vaccinated at a pharmacy, many pharmacies like Walmart, CVS and Walgreens may provide individuals with digital vaccination records through their website that can be uploaded to the University of Maine System portal. You may also be able to visit the providing pharmacy and request a copy of your record.
- **Contact Your State's Immunization Registry:** Contact your state registry directly. In Maine you will need to email, fax or mail in a signed copy of an authorization to release information directly to the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The Maine CDC strongly recommends individuals contact their medical provider or primary care physician as a faster alternative.

### Maine Immunization Program Contact Information:

- **Website:** [ImmunizeME.org \(External Site\)](#)
- **Email:** [ImmunizeME.DHHS@maine.gov](mailto:ImmunizeME.DHHS@maine.gov)
- **Phone:** [1-800-867-4775](tel:1-800-867-4775)

### U.S. Centers for Disease Control:

- **Website:** [State Contacts for Immunization Records \(External Site\)](#)

### What if I don't get vaccinated or don't upload my information as required?

After October 15, 2021, unvaccinated, non-exempt students will not be permitted in classrooms, residence halls, or other University facilities and will not be permitted to participate in on-campus experiences or university activities.

Students may be able to continue their education fully remotely if they can do so using already existing remote options ([students can apply for an exemption for fully remote learning using the vaccination verification guide](#)); however, many programs or courses do not offer remote options and, depending on degree program or course of study, it may not be possible to complete a course of study through remote learning only. In short, students who are not in compliance by October 15, 2021, will not be able to continue as part of the in-person university community and may also experience a disruption in their education.

Students who by October 15, 2021, have started a course of COVID-19 vaccination but are not fully vaccinated (defined as two weeks after the second dose in a two-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine), should submit this information through the [University of Maine System online COVID-19 vaccination verification portal \(External Site\)](#). Such students will be permitted to continue their on-campus experience provided they timely become fully vaccinated and comply with public safety protocols to include, for example, masking, regular asymptomatic testing (may include multiple tests per week), and as applicable, quarantine and isolation consistent with University of Maine System standards.

### Can I get refund if I withdraw or am withdrawn from in-person courses because I do not meet the October 15 deadline?

**!! WARNING !!**

*Withdrawing from courses may hamper your ability to complete your degree and may impact your ability to receive federal financial aid.*

There are no special refunds of tuition, room, board or other fees for students who withdraw or are withdrawn from in-person instruction due to failure to meet the October 15 COVID-19 vaccination deadline requirement. Students who do not meet the vaccination requirement by the October 15 deadline and do not otherwise come into compliance as provided by the COVID-19 vaccination requirement may seek a partial refund in keeping with standard University refund practices for withdrawals.

This means students who fail to meet the **October 15** deadline and who want to seek a partial refund must withdraw from those courses as soon as possible after October 15 but no later than October 25, 2021. **Students who do not meet the October 15 vaccination verification deadline and do not act to withdraw themselves from in-person courses will be withdrawn from their courses by the University after October 25 and will receive no refund.** Students receiving financial aid should contact the Office of Financial Aid (or Student Finance Office) at their University to discuss the financial aid impact of any withdrawal, as withdrawal can influence, for example, determinations of satisfactory academic progress, the return of financial aid funds to the Federal Department of Education and other scholarship funding.

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- [COVID-19 Student FALL Vaccination Requirements \(08/23/2021\)](#) +
- [Exemptions from quarantine and testing for fully vaccinated students \(08/18/2021\)](#) +
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