

WSU Student COVID Vaccination Policy

In response to the COVID 19 pandemic nurses may be called to assist in the immunizations in the hospital and community. Proper vaccine administration is critical to ensure that vaccination is safe and effective. CDC recommends that all health care personnel who administer vaccines receive comprehensive, competency-based training on vaccine administration policies and procedures BEFORE administering vaccines.

There are three scenarios where students may help with the COVID immunization response:

1. Volunteer- non clinical experiences, providing help with non-clinical clinic activities. Students will not be representing the CON in these activities.
2. Precepted Volunteer- S1 or higher, students may or may not get clinical hours for these experiences. These students may or may not be doing clinical activities. These experiences will have a CON preceptor present.
3. Clinical Experience- J1-S2 this will count for program clinical hours and will be supervised by a clinical instructor.

Students may participate in giving the COVID vaccine under the following circumstances:

1. As a student nurse under the guidance/supervision of the nursing program policies and protocols.
 1. There must be a faculty member or preceptor at all immunization clinics. (1 faculty for up to 10 students in traditional clinical or 1:15 in precepted situations).
 2. Students must be a J2 or higher. J1 students may vaccinate in a clinical setting with a clinical instructor.
 3. Students may do vaccines as part of a clinical rotation or volunteer experience with faculty supervision.
2. Training and education
 1. Students must complete the ATI immunization modules and the CDC COVID 19 vaccination module. Students will be required to show proof of training.
 2. Students must comply with the training and documentation requirements of the agency.
 3. Students will comply with the storage, administration and evaluation of the vaccine per guidelines.
 4. Request for volunteers will come with the understanding volunteers will get the vaccine. This will be contingent on agencies vaccine availability.
3. Faculty
 1. Anyone supervising students vaccinating must be an appointed member of the CON, TA or qualified preceptor.
 2. Faculty or preceptors must complete the COVID 19 training modules per clinical agency requirements. Faculty or preceptors will meet the qualifications per the WAC 246-840-525, 246-840-533.

3. Faculty or designated preceptor must be present at all vaccination clinics where students are present. Only students in their practicum courses may be allowed to immunize independent of faculty but must have a preceptor that meets the WAC 246-840-533 requirements with them at all times.
 4. Clinical Faculty will comply with the WAC 246-84-532 requirement of 1 faculty for 10 students or Clinical Preceptors will comply with a 1:15 faculty to student ratio.
 5. Clinical Faculty and Clinical Preceptors will meet the CON's onboarding requirements.
4. Documentation
 1. Students will comply with the documentation requirements of the clinical agency.
 2. Faculty will ensure and co-sign all documentation per agency policy.
 5. PPE Requirements
 1. PPE will be supplied by the clinical agencies and will be arranged prior to faculty or students attending immunization clinics. If PPE is not provided, then WSU CON can provide limited PPE. Current DOH requirements for immunization is goggles and gowns. Gloves are not required for immunizations.