

MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Hudelson, Executive Secretary
Faculty Senate

FROM: Becky Bitter, Registrar's Office

FOR: Academic Affairs Committee; Professional Health Sciences Committee

DATE: February 22, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposal to Establish Rule 60, Student Vaccination Requirements

On October 18, 2022, the Academic Affairs Committee approved a proposal from the Chancellor's Office and the Division of Student Affairs to establish Rule 60, Student Vaccination Requirements. The proposal was also approved by the Professional Health Sciences Committee, and was reviewed by the Graduate Studies Committee.

However, the COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement will no longer be in effect as of the Summer of 2023. As a result, Cougar Health Services is requesting that the rule be amended to strike the COVID-19 vaccination from the list.

The rule reflects Executive Policy 43, approved August 1, 2022 (see [EP43 – Prevention of Infectious Diseases with Vaccines and Screening | PR&F site | Washington State University \(wsu.edu\)](#)).

Executive Policy 43 requires proof of vaccination as a condition for continuing enrollment on WSU's physical campuses as described below. The policy also specifies that this information be included in the *WSU Catalog*. Adding the policy to the Academic Regulations meets that requirement.

60. STUDENT VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

All students newly enrolled at a physical home campus location must comply with WSU Executive Policy 43, requiring proof of vaccination, demonstrated immunity to, or screening for certain illnesses. This requirement also applies to those students who reapply for admission for Fall 2023 or later.

A student's home campus is defined in their student record. If a student is working/studying at a different location (e.g., internship, Extension site), the guidelines for their home campus apply. A student who transfers from WSU Global to a physical campus, or takes classes on a physical campus (e.g., through intercampus enrollment), is subject to the vaccination requirements of the physical campus.

For all physical campus locations, a student is initially compliant when they have submitted proof of vaccination for the following illnesses. Health sciences programs and those with clinical experiential learning requirements may have additional vaccination requirements.

- COVID-19 (complete primary series);

- Hepatitis B;
- Measles (MMR);
- Pertussis (Tdap); and
- Varicella.

For WSU Pullman only, the additional requirement applies:

- Meningitis (MCV4/ACWY).

Additionally, students from certain geographic areas or high-risk situations will be required to be screened for tuberculosis.

When applicable, religious, or medical exemptions and/or proof of immunity will be considered for each required vaccination.

For more information on how to comply with WSU's vaccination requirement, students should visit: <https://cougarhealth.wsu.edu/medical-services/specialty-care-and-services/immunizations/required-immunizations-fall-2023/>.

Students who do not comply will not be able to register for classes delivered in-person on a physical campus in subsequent terms, and a hold will be placed on their student account. If students do not complete these steps, it may impact their ability to participate in campus events. The university may impose further restrictions in the interest of maintaining public health until a student has complied with the vaccine requirement(s).

Program-specific student vaccination requirements must be posted on the program's website and in its enrollment materials and are considered a condition of enrollment or admission in that program.

At this time, Faculty Senate review and approval is recommended, to be effective fall 2023.