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POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL		
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Policy [X] Procedure [X]		Responsible Position: Dean of Students
Title: COVID-19 Student Vaccination Policy		Approval Requirements: Executive Council

PURPOSE:

It is the purpose of this policy to define the Touro University Nevada student protocol for the COVID-19 vaccination, and consequences in the event of noncompliance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all students of Touro University for any in-person education or in-person use of university services.

POLICY:

It is the policy of the University that all students attending Touro University Nevada for any in-person education or in-person use of university services or facilities must be fully vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2 unless the employee has been granted an exemption for vaccination. Please note that TUN employees and visitors are subject to a similar policy.

I. DEFINITIONS:

- A. **Fully Vaccinated:** 2 or more weeks after the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine that is a two dose vaccine, or 2 weeks after a COVID-19 vaccine that is a single dose vaccine. The vaccine must be a COVID-19 vaccine that is approved for use or has received an emergency use authorization, or permanent use authorization by the US Food and Drug Administration.

II. BACKGROUND

- COVID-19 vaccination is highly efficacious in preventing symptomatic COVID-19 infection and is very safe.
- A single case of SARS-CoV-2 infection at the University has broad ramifications for the infected individual who must isolate for a period of time, may infect others, and may miss academic and clinical activities.
- As a university educating and training future health care professionals, Touro University Nevada has an obligation to ensure that students do not pose a risk of infection to their colleagues and patients in addition to the University community at large.

- COVID-19 vaccines are widely available and easily accessible in Henderson, Las Vegas, and the greater Clark County area.

III. PROCEDURES

- A. All students attending the University for in-person instruction or for in-person access to any University facilities are required to provide proof of full vaccination, or receive an approval for a vaccine exemption by the following deadline:
 - a. The last day of the current academic term in which the student is registered. For specific dates, please read the current TUN Catalog on the following weblink: <https://tun.touro.edu/programs/university-catalog/>
 - b. Students enrolled in fully online programs with no campus presence will not need to provide proof of vaccination. However, if a student (online or not) comes to campus for **any reason**, including brief meetings, events, or to use facilities, they have a campus presence and must submit proof of vaccination or have an approved exemption.

- B. Proof of vaccination must be provided as a .pdf or .jpeg file sent to the Office of Student Health at: TUN.Immunization@touro.edu.
 - a. Proof of vaccination is a completed CDC vaccination card or a medical document specifying receipt of vaccination with vaccine manufacturer, date(s) of vaccination and lot number.

- C. Students requesting an exemption from the COVID-19 vaccine requirement are to proceed as follows:
 - a. Complete the applicable request for exemption form with all the required documentation. To request an exemption form please contact the Office of Student Health at TUN.Immunization@touro.edu
 - b. Submit the completed exemption request form with all required documentation to TUN.Immunization@touro.edu
 - c. All exemption requests will be reviewed by the Division of Student Affairs. Students will be contacted if additional information is required to process the request.
 - d. Students will be notified of the exemption request determination by return email from Dr. Obodai for medical exemptions, or from Dean Tompkins for religious exemptions.
 - e. In the event an exemption request is denied, students will be provided an appropriate deadline to become fully vaccinated.
 - f. Approved exemptions are subject to revision based on changing circumstances.
 - g. Students with approved exemptions may be subject to certain health and safety requirements or accommodations while on campus that are not applicable to vaccinated individuals (such as Covid-19 testing, mask-wearing, etc.). Note that additional safety requirements such as face coverings, etc., may be applied to all persons on campus regardless of vaccination status as local conditions require.
 - h. Questions? Contact Student Health at TUN.Immunization@touro.edu

- D. ***Unvaccinated students without an exemption while pursuing in-person education or in-person use of the college facilities include: students who decline the vaccination, and students who are denied an exemption request and then choose to decline vaccination.***
 - a. Effective the final day of the current academic term in which the student is registered, unvaccinated students without an exemption may not access campus. For specific dates, please read the current TUN Catalog on the following weblink: <https://tun.touro.edu/programs/university-catalog/>

- b. **Effective the final day of the current academic term** in which the student is registered, **unvaccinated students without an exemption will be placed on an administrative disciplinary suspension or be given the option to take a Leave of Absence until either:**
 - i. *the TUN vaccination requirement is rescinded or*
 - ii. *the student provides proof of vaccination or an approved exemption.*
- c. ***Note that an extended absence from an academic program (i.e., greater than 10 days) may result in the student needing to resume their education with next academic year's cohort.***