

## GCU Fall 2022 Updated COVID-19 Policy for Students

As we prepare for the Fall 2022 semester and another full return to campus, Georgian Court University is requiring **all** students to be [up to date](#) with the COVID-19 vaccine shot. According to the CDC, “You are [up to date](#) with your COVID-19 vaccines when you have received all doses in the primary series and one booster when eligible.” Booster shots are required as of Fall 2022.

While religious and medical exemptions still apply, our goal is to protect the campus community from the virus and any variants. A few updates are below:

- **Resident students must be [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccination, with records submitted to the Office of Health Services no later than five business days before check-in.** Resident students who are not up to date with COVID-19 vaccination shots and/or who have not submitted vaccination records to Health Services will not be permitted to check in.
- Resident students not yet eligible for boosters must receive their boosters when eligible and provide documentation to the Office of Health Services as soon as possible.
- **Commuter students must be [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccination and vaccination records submitted to the Office of Health Services by the first day of classes.** Commuter students, both undergraduate and graduate, who do not comply will be placed on a health hold.
- Student health records can be submitted electronically through the student portal, or students can scan/photograph vaccination records and e-mail them to the Office of Health Services at [healthservices@georgian.edu](mailto:healthservices@georgian.edu).

### Religious Exemptions

- Students who received the two-dose Moderna or Pfizer or the one-dose Johnson & Johnson will not be eligible for a religious exemption from the booster shot.
- Students who received a COVID-19 vaccine religious exemption for the 2021–2022 academic year will need to resubmit a religious exemption request for the 2022–2023 academic year using the updated religious exemption process.
- The deadline to **renew** a religious exemption request for the 2022–2023 academic year is **June 15, 2022**.
- Religious exemption requests from **new/incoming** commuter students are due **September 9, 2022**.
- Religious exemption requests for new resident students are due five (5) business days before the anticipated move-in date.

### Medical Exemptions

- Students who received a COVID-19-related medical exemption from the 2021–2022 academic year will need to submit updated documentation to receive a medical exemption for the 2022–2023 academic year.
- Medical exemption requests must be updated annually.

## **International Students**

- Updates about specific guidance for international students are evolving, depending on circumstances.
- International students are strongly advised to check GCU's webpage on an ongoing basis to learn the most recent guidance.

## **Face Coverings**

- GCU will remain mask friendly unless otherwise noted. This means that while face coverings generally will not be required, they *can* still be worn by anyone who feels more comfortable with a mask.
- Masks may still be requested by faculty/staff for specific programs, classes, or offices. All members of the GCU community may request that others wear a mask during meetings or other activities. Complying is a sign of respect consistent with our commitment to always consider each other. Please keep a mask with you at all times.
- **Face coverings may be required indoors if the number of cases rise.** This policy is subject to change; please consult the Latest COVID-19 Updates section of the [GCU COVID-19 web page](#) for the most up-to-date guidance.

***All GCU policy and procedure related to COVID-19 is subject to change as the state and federal agencies update guidance.***