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Subject: Booster Shot Requirement from the California State University for Spring Semester 2022

Dear Colleagues and Students:

The California State University (CSU) has [announced](#) new COVID health and safety requirements for the spring 2022 semester. All faculty, staff and students accessing university facilities or programs must receive a COVID-19 booster by February 28, 2022, or (per Centers for Disease Control [CDC] guidelines) six months after an individual has received the second dose of a two-dose vaccine, whichever date is later. If you received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, per the CDC you are eligible for a booster two months after the initial dose. Given the current surge in Omicron infections throughout the state, the CSU, in close consultation with campus presidents, has made this revision to its vaccination policy.

The revised policy will be immediately applicable to students and non-represented staff. However, represented employees will not be subject to the booster requirement until the CSU concludes its meet-and-confer process with labor unions. Also, as announced [previously](#), the CSU's COVID-19 vaccination policy allows students and employees to seek exemptions on medical and religious grounds.

The decision to move forward with the booster requirement is in response to quickly worsening circumstances associated with the spread of the highly contagious Omicron variant. Omicron is now the most prevalent form of the virus in the United States and the number of infections nationwide has increased five-fold in just the last week. Vaccination – including a booster when eligible – remains our most effective strategy against infection and severe disease or death.

As you have previously done with your COVID vaccinations, please update your [Employee COVID-19 Vaccine Self-Certification](#) or the [Student COVID-19 Vaccine Self-Certification](#) in the myCoyote portal with the date that you received your booster.

The CSU will share the revised university policy as soon as it is finalized. In the meantime, please continue to refer to our [Return of the Pack site](#) for COVID safety information and requirements.

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