

HAMPTON UNIVERSITY

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Dear New Students,

Hampton University's highest priority is the health and safety of the students, faculty and staff, as well as the community, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. The University is continuing to monitor the local and regional impact of COVID-19 and is taking proactive measures to mitigate potential risks to our community. Adults of any age, including college students, are at increased risk for illness from the virus that causes COVID-19.

The COVID-19 pandemic is changing rapidly and requires different strategies to maintain clinical preventative services, including immunization. Vaccines to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), are an important measure to help end the pandemic. The Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC) have indicated that there are several different vaccines for COVID-19 offered to aid in the prevention of COVID-19. These vaccines work with the immune system so the body will be ready to fight the virus, if you are exposed. The combination of getting vaccinated and following CDC's recommendations to protect yourself and others will offer the best protection from COVID-19.

In accordance with the guidance of the CDC and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), as well as our University policies regarding infectious disease, **students will be required to be fully vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine prior to your arrival on campus, unless medically contraindicated or there is a religious exemption. Fully vaccinated means 2 weeks or more have passed since receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or 2 weeks or more have passed since receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine.** The University requires vaccinations like meningitis and varicella, etc., so requiring the COVID-19 vaccination is in concert with prior procedures to keep students, faculty, staff, as well as the community, safe.

Hampton University requires all college students to comply with the State of Virginia statute 23.1-800, for Health History and Immunization requirements. If you would like to submit a Virginia Religious Exemption form or if your health care provider deems it medically contraindicated for you to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, please review the steps below. **All students must be medically cleared to move into the residence halls and to attend classes. The deadline for submitting medical documentation for the Pre-College Program is May 01, 2021. The deadline for all other students is June 01, 2021.**

New students will need to complete the following steps:

1. The Office of the Registrar recently emailed to your personal email account instructions on how to activate your Hampton University email account. For questions regarding HU email activation, please call the Academic Technology Mall (ATM) Helpdesk at 757-728-6931.
2. Check your University email account (firstname.lastname@my.hamptonu.edu) for an email with instructions from Med Proctor. Monitor your email account for an invite from Med Proctor or you may go directly to Med Proctor to register for medical clearance using your HU email address only.
3. Go to the Health Center website to access the instructional video:
http://www.hamptonu.edu/student-services/health/medical_requirements.cfm
4. Go to the Med Proctor website: <https://secure.medproctor.com> to complete the medical clearance process. If you have questions, please use the live chat feature or email: help@medproctor.com
5. Upload your physical and immunization records from your health care provider into Med Proctor for medical clearance.
6. Upload your completed COVID-19 vaccination card/form from your health care provider, Health Department or pharmacy into Med Proctor for medical clearance.

If you are submitting a medically contraindicated request and your Medical Provider deems it medically contraindicated for you to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, you will need to complete these steps:

1. Once you have activated your Med Proctor account using your @ my.hamptonu.edu account, upload your Medically Contraindicated letter from your health care provider into Med Proctor for medical clearance.
2. The letter must be on letterhead and include medical rationale stating why the COVID-19 vaccine is contraindicated.

If you are submitting a Virginia religious exemption request from receiving the COVID-19 vaccination, you will need to complete these steps:

1. Once you have activated your Med Proctor account using your @ my.hamptonu.edu account, the Commonwealth of Virginia Certificate of Religious Exemption (Form CRE-1) can be downloaded directly from Med Proctor or @ www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health_medical/certificate_religious_exemption.pdf
2. Upon completion, the Virginia Certificate of Religious Exemption form must be notarized and then uploaded back into Med Proctor for medical clearance.

Once your information is **verified**: You will receive an email confirmation and notification from Med Proctor stating that you will be medically cleared by the Health Center. If your information is **not verified**: You will receive an email notification of the information missing or documentation that is required.

For more information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, please visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html. We look forward to safely welcoming our Hampton University students back to campus. If you have any questions or concerns, please email the Infectious Disease and Prevention Working Group at IDPWGSupport@hamptonu.edu.

Sincerely,

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