

On May 16, 2023, the University of California announced revisions to the [University of California COVID-19 vaccine policy](#) in light of changes to state and federal COVID-19 public health guidance and the [end of the federal Public Health Emergency on May 11, 2023](#).

Effective immediately:

- The University will require students and employees to either receive or affirmatively decline a COVID-19 vaccination each year.
- Students and employees will no longer be required to submit documentation of a COVID-19 primary series or submit and receive an approved medical or religious exception, or disability deferral to be present on campus.

[The Policy on Vaccination Programs—With Updated Interim Amendments](#) will be revised to reflect these changes. See the [UCI Forward vaccination page](#) for additional information.

**You do not need to take any action at this time.** Watch for campus communications later this year on how to attest or affirmatively decline the COVID-19 vaccine. While UCI will only assess COVID-19 vaccine policy compliance on an annual basis, we recommend all in the UCI community stay up to date with the most current [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) COVID-19 Vaccination Recommendations](#).

UCI's Contact Tracing and Vaccine Navigation Services is available to answer questions and can also help individuals find vaccine resources in the community. Call 949-824-2300 or email [contacttracing@uci.edu](mailto:contacttracing@uci.edu).

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to protect your health and the health of our campus community.

Sincerely,

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