USJ students,

Based on CDC guidance and in the interest of protecting the health and safety of the USJ community, a vaccine requirement has been implemented for Fall 2021 for student-athletes and for residential students. Any student who wishes to participate in USJ athletics and GNAC competitions, or any student who wishes to live in a residence hall will have to be fully vaccinated. In order to help ensure students have easy access to COVID-19 vaccines, vaccination clinics will be held on campus in partnership with Griffin Hospital (see schedule below). Students can initiate the vaccination process with either a two or one-dose vaccine option or can obtain a second dose if within the appropriate timeframe. Healthcare providers will be available to answer any questions regarding COVID-19 vaccines at that time, but students are also encouraged to contact Student Health Services if they have questions or concerns.

At this time, USJ does not intend to extend the vaccination requirement to other students, but unvaccinated students should be aware of the following:

- They will be required to wear a mask when indoors on campus except when eating or drinking.
- If they are identified as a close contact and must quarantine, or if they contract COVID and must isolate, they will not be able to attend classes in-person and classes will not be offered remotely.
- Internship, clinical, student teaching, and field experience sites off-campus may require vaccination. A student who is not fully vaccinated by the beginning of the fall semester may have to wait up to 6 weeks before completing the vaccination process and will not be allowed access to the site until then.
- The School for Young Children and the Gengras Center may be required to restrict access for USJ students based on vaccination status.
  - The University will continue to monitor external conditions and will comply with state or federal requirements.

Students who are fully vaccinated will receive a bracelet that must be worn on campus to indicate that the student does not need to wear a mask in most indoor locations. To obtain a bracelet, students must complete a form that can be found on MyUSJ under Student Health Services (SHS) and provide proof of vaccination, such as an image of their vaccine card. Students should download Microsoft Power Apps to access this form on mobile devices. Instructions can be found on MyUSJ and in the email sent out on May 28, 2021, to usj.edu student email addresses. Once SHS verifies the submitted information students will receive an e-mail confirming receipt of vaccine documentation. Students may then obtain a bracelet by visiting SHS during office hours in their new office located in The Beekley Center for Student Health and Wellness on the first floor of the O’Connell Athletic Center. Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., and masks are required for entry. Students enrolled
in the School of Pharmacy may obtain their bracelet from the administrative offices on the Hartford campus once SHS has verified their submitted information. Some temporary additional office hours in SHS have been added to accommodate students who have evening or Saturday classes. For after-hours appointments, students must submit their documentation at least two days in advance. Saturday, July 24 from 8 – 8:30 a.m., by appointment only.

For residential students, medical exemptions for vaccination may be granted in specific situations. For more information on medical exemptions for COVID-19 vaccination such as required forms, documentation, and how to submit medical exemption, please contact HealthServices@usj.edu or visit the Health Services page on myUSJ.

“COVID-19 vaccines are effective at keeping you from getting COVID-19. After you are fully vaccinated, you can start doing some things you had stopped doing because of the pandemic.” Center for Disease Control. A person is considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna) or 2 weeks after receipt of the single dose of the Janssen vaccine.

Griffin Hospital’s Mobile Vaccine Team will offer four clinics on campus.
- Monday, June 28, 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in conjunction with New Student Orientation, Lourdes Patio
- Monday, July 19, 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., McGovern Patio
- Monday, Aug. 2, time TBD, McGovern patio
- Monday, Aug. 23, time TBD, McGovern patio

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