



October 1, 2021

Update on Administrative Mandate on Required Vaccination and Student Vaccination

Today, the UNM Albuquerque main campus hit the 90% mark on partial and full vaccination among students, with an additional 4.6% having received exemptions. A large number of these exemptions are for fully online students. Branch campuses have made significant progress as well. This has been a huge effort. The entire UNM system can be proud of what staff, faculty, and students are doing to protect our community health.

Classes are fragile spaces for thought, creativity, and learning. In Academic Affairs, we have tried to insulate the class experience from enforcement of the Administrative Mandate on Required Vaccination. As we move beyond the September 30th deadline for meeting the mandate, instructors should know that Academic Affairs, in coordination with Dean of Students and Registrar, will manage enforcement.

Please do not ask students about whether they have met the mandate or target them in any way for not having met the mandate.

Here is what you and your students can expect moving forward:

Oct.1 - Oct 8: students who have not met the mandate by uploading proof of receipt of vaccination or by submitting a medical, religious, or fully online exemption will be given the opportunity to provide weekly COVID test results for the rest of the Fall semester. They will be informed of pending registration hold and disenrollment that will take effect if they do not opt for weekly testing.

Oct. 9: students who have not met the mandate or opted in to weekly testing will receive a registration hold and notice of pending disenrollment, as well as a reminder of their right to appeal.

Oct. 22: student appeals will be considered by the President's select committee

Nov. 5 or after: students who have not met the mandate or opted in to weekly testing will be disenrolled. **These students will receive a 'W' in their classes, administered by the Registrar. Instructors will see this in their grading rosters and do not need to take action.**

Students may submit proof of vaccination at any time prior to November 5, 2021 to stop the disenrollment process.

Spring 2022: students must be vaccinated or have a validated medical or religious exemption or fully remote exemption. The weekly testing option for students without exemptions will not be available. Fall 2021 medical exemptions without a termination date and Fall 2021 religious exemptions will be valid for Spring 2022. Students will need to submit new requests for fully remote exemption for Spring 2022.

Thank you for your efforts to support the health of the UNM community and to respect the academic autonomy of the classroom experience.

Sincerely,

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